

CLAT General Knowledge

Q1. The Supreme Court of India upheld the decision to implement the quota for other backward classes (OBCs) in higher educational institution. The court, however, excluded the 'creamy layer' from being a beneficiary. The reason is

- (a) creamy layer is not an OBC; it is a forward caste.
- (b) creamy layer is politically powerful.
- (c) it can compete with others on equal footing.
- (d) the inclusion of creamy layer would be unjust.

Ans: [d]

Q2. Hedge fund is a fund

- (a) used for absorbing inflation.
- (b) used for cushioning health risks.
- (c) applied to minimized the risk of financial market transactions.
- (d) applied for absorbing the risk in commodity trading.

Ans: [c]

Q3. What does strong rupee as against the dollar mean to India?

- (a) There is a balance of payments surplus.
- (b) Indian economy is globally respected.
- (c) It is a sign of economic buoyancy.
- (d) Income from exports is falling.

Ans: [a]

Q4. Name the latest state which declared independence in 2008.

- (a) Serbia
- (b) Kosovo
- (c) Kurdistan
- (d) Tibet

Ans: [b]

Q5. Name the Finance Minister who presented the highest number of budgets in the Parliament so far.

- (a) P. Chidambaram
- (b) Morarji Desai
- (c) Man Mohan Singh
- (d) T.T. Krishnamachari

Ans: [b]

Q6. Who is the Chairman of 13th Finance Commission constituted in 2007?

- (a) Vijay Kelkar
- (b) C. Rangarajan
- (c) Ashok Lahiri
- (d) K.C. Pant

Ans: [a]

Q7. Indo-US nuclear deal was opposed in Parliament mainly because

- (a) all Indian nuclear reactors would fall under American supervision.
- (b) nuclear energy sector will be dominated by American corporations.
- (c) nuclear relations between Indian and the USA will be governed by the Hyde Act.
- (d) the USA will dictate Indian policies.

Ans: [c]

Q8. The Indian industrialist who bought Tipu Sultan's sword in an auction in London was

- (a) Vijay Mallya.
- (b) Anil Ambani.
- (c) Amar Singh.
- (d) Lakshmi Mittal.

Ans: [a]

Q9. The contentious Baglihar Dam is built on the River

- (a) Indus.
- (b) Jhelum.
- (c) Chenab.
- (d) Satluj.

Ans: [c]

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Q10. Which country has its richest man as the Head of the Government?

- (a) The USA
- (b) Italy
- (c) Saudi Arabia
- (d) Russia

Ans: [b]

Q11. Who is the person known as the Father of Modern Indian Retail Trade?

- (a) Mukesh Ambani
- (b) Kishore Bijani
- (c) Aditya Birla
- (d) Anil Ambani

Ans: [b]

Q12. The largest software service company in Asia is

- (a) WIPRO.
- (b) INFOSYS.
- (c) Tata Consultancy Services.
- (d) Satyam Computers.

Ans: [c]

Q13. Taikonaut means

- (a) a character in coming steps.
- (b) a character in Russian opera.
- (c) astronaut in China.
- (d) as delicious Japanese dish.

Ans: [c]

Q14. The CEO of Microsoft Corporation is

- (a) Bill Gates.
- (b) Warren Buffett.
- (c) Steve Ballmer.
- (d) John Wallace.

Ans: [c]

Q15. The country which stands for Gross National Happiness in contradistinction to Gross National Product is

- (a) Sweden.
- (b) Switzerland.
- (c) Bhutan.

(d) Finland.

Ans: [c]

Q16. The highest paid Head of the Government in the World at present is

- (a) the USA.
- (b) Russian Federation.
- (c) Singapore.
- (d) Japan.

Ans: [c]

Q17. The current impasse in Doha Round of Negotiations is centered around

- (a) access to cheaper drugs.
- (b) access to markets of developed countries.
- (c) agricultural subsidies provided by developed countries.
- (d) removal of non-tariff barriers.

Ans: [d]

Q18. The phenomenon called 'Equinox' is due to the

- (a) rotation of the Earth on its own axis.
- (b) revolution of the Earth on its inclined axis.
- (c) oblate spheroid shape of the earth.
- (d) gravitational pull of the planet.

Ans: [c]

Q19. The Director-General of the world trade organization is

- (a) Renal to Ruggiero.
- (b) Pascal Lamy.
- (c) Arthur Dunkell.
- (d) Oliver Long.

Ans: [b]

Q20. Capital account convertibility signifies

- (a) guaranteeing the right to investment to foreigners.
- (b) ensuring the right of buyers to make intonation payments.
- (c) ensuring free international movement of capital.
- (d) ensuring the right of an individual to invest in foreign capital markets.

Ans: [c]

Q21. The purpose of Kyoto Protocol is

- (a) to promote tourism.
- (b) to contribute sustainable development.
- (c) to promote renewable sources of energy.
- (d) to put a limit on greenhouse gas emissions by states.

Ans: [d]

Q22. What do carbon credits signify?

- (a) Credits given in the course of carbon products sales.
- (b) Entitlements to emit certain quantity of greenhouse gases.
- (c) Permissible amount of Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.
- (d) the extent of carbon required to ensure sustainable development.

Ans: [b]

Q23. The practice of selling goods in a foreign country at a price below their domestic selling price is called

- (a) discrimination.
- (b) dumping.

(c) double pricing.

(d) predatory pricing.

Ans: [b]

Q24. Which of the following is considered as bulwark of personal freedom?

- (a) Mandamus
- (b) Habeas Corpus
- (c) Certiorari
- (d) Quo Warranto

Ans: [b]

Q25. Vanda Mata ram is composed by

- (a) Rabindranth Tagore.
- (b) Sharatchandra Chatterji.
- (c) Bankimchandra.
- (d) Surendrantath Banerji.

Ans: [c]

Q26. How many minutes for each degree of longitude does the local time of any place vary from the Greenwich time?

- (a) Four minutes
- (b) Two minutes
- (c) Eight minutes
- (d) Ten minutes

Ans: [a]

Q27. Article 1 of Indian Constitution defines India as

- (a) Federal State.
- (b) Unitary State.
- (c) Union of State.
- (d) Quasi-Federal State.

Ans: [c]

Q28. Which is the highest body that approves Five Year Plans in India?

- (a) Parliament
- (b) Planning Commission
- (c) National Development Council
- (d) Council of Ministers

Ans: [c]

Q29. The economist who for the first time scientifically determined national income in India.

- (a) Dr D.R. Gadgil
- (b) Dr V.K.R. V. Rao
- (c) Dr Manmohan Singh
- (d) Dr Y.V. Alagh

Ans: [b]

Q30. Which of the following is the largest peninsula in the world?

- (a) Indian peninsula
- (b) Arabian peninsula
- (c) Malaysian Peninsula
- (d) Chinese Peninsula

Ans: [b]

Q31. The person responsible for economic model for Indian planning is

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru.
- (b) P.C. Mahalanobis.
- (c) Tarlok Singh.
- (d) V.T. Krishnamachari.

Ans: [b]

Q32. Social forestry aims at

- (a) ensuring fuel and forest products to weaker sections.
- (b) medicinal and fruit plantation.
- (c) large scale afforestation.
- (d) scientific forestry.

Ans: [c]

Q33. The Great Barrier Reef refers to

- (a) coral formation.
- (b) tidal waves.
- (c) hill range.
- (d) man-made walls.

Ans: [a]

Q34. A nautical mile is equal to

- (a) 1825 metres.
- (b) 2000 metres.
- (c) 1575 metres.
- (d) 2050 metres.

Ans: [a]

Q35. Which of the following is concerned with land forms?

- (a) Geology
- (b) Geomorphology
- (c) Ecology
- (d) Geography

Ans: [b]

Q36. The country known as the land of midnight sun is

- (a) Sweden.
- (b) Norway.
- (c) Finland.
- (d) Denmark.

Ans: [b]

Q37. The monk who spread Buddhism in Tibet and Far-East is

- (a) Ananda.
- (b) Nagarajuna.
- (c) Padmasambhava.
- (d) Mahendra.

Ans: [c]

Q38. TRIPS, forming part of the world trade organization is intended

- (a) to provide for stronger patent protection.
- (b) to promote transactional corporate interests.
- (c) to harmonize IPR regime internationally.
- (d) to replace World Intellectual Property Organization.

Ans: [c]

Q39. Carbon dating method is used to determine the age of

- (a) rocks.
- (b) fossils.
- (c) trees.
- (d) ancient monuments.

Ans: [b]

Q40. The Managing Director of Delhi Metropolitan Railway Corporation is _____

- (a) the Chairman of Indian Railway Board.
- (b) the Lt. Governor of Delhi.

(c) C. Sreedharan.

(d) Sheela Dikshit.

Ans: [c]

Q41. 18 carat gold signifies

- (a) 18 parts of gold and 82 parts of other metal.
- (b) 18 parts of gold and 6 parts of other metal.
- (c) 82 parts of gold and 18 parts of other metal.
- (d) None of the above.

Ans: [b]

Q42. Bali Road map adopted in December 2007 provides for

- (a) fixation of Green House Gas Emission limits.
- (b) launching of an adaptation fund.
- (c) amendment to UN framework convention on climate change.
- (d) special and differential treatment for developing countries.

Ans: [c]

Q43. Special uranium, used in a nuclear reactor, is

- (a) uranium freed of all impurities uranium treated with radiation.
- (b) uranium mixed with radiation on climate change.
- (c) uranium mixed with isotopes.
- (d) uranium alloy with aluminium.

Ans: [c]

Q44. The scientist responsible for developing atomic energy in India is _____.

- (a) C.V. Raman
- (b) H.J. Bhabha
- (c) H.K. Sethna
- (d) Vikram Sarabhai

Ans: [b]

Q45. Salwa Judum practiced in certain places in India refers to

- (a) witchcraft.
- (b) arming civilians to fight militants.
- (c) training civilians in the use of fire arms.
- (d) training civilians to be home guards.

Ans: [b]

Q46. Indian who won Raman Magasaysay award in 2007

- (a) Arun Roy
- (b) P. Sainath
- (c) Medha Patkar
- (d) Ruth Manorama

Ans: [b]

Q47. The person who won Jawaharlal Nehru award in 2007

- (a) Lula de Silva
- (b) Hugo Chavez
- (c) Aung Saan Suu ki
- (d) Fidel Castro

Ans: [a]

Q48. Free Trade Area means

- (a) the area where anything can be bought and sold.
- (b) countries between whom trade barriers have been substantially reduced.
- (c) countries which have common external tariff.

(d) countries which have common currency.

Ans: [b]

Q49. Affirmative action in Indian context signifies

- (a) providing security to weaker sections.
- (b) welfare measures to alleviate the sufferings of poor people.
- (c) providing positive opportunities to deprived sections.
- (d) giving incentives to start industries.

Ans: [c]

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Q50. Special Economic zones are

- (a) the places where industries can operate without any control.
- (b) the places where in any person can start any industry.
- (c) the places where industry get certain tax advantages.
- (d) the places where in the national labour laws do not apply.

Ans: [c]

Q51. Capital market means

- (a) mutual funds
- (b) money market
- (c) securities market
- (d) banking business

Ans: [c]

Q52. From which river would the National River Project be started?

- (a) Yamuna
- (b) Gomati
- (c) Ganga
- (d) Krishna

Ans: [c]

Q53. The Audacity of Hope is a book written by

- (a) Bill Clinton.
- (b) Barrack Obama.
- (c) Gorge Bush.
- (d) Bill Gates.

Ans: [b]

Q54. 'WPI' is used as an acronym for

- (a) World Price Index.
- (b) World Price Indicators.
- (c) Wholesale Price Index.
- (d) Wholesale Price Indicators.

Ans: [c]

Q55. If the tax rate increases with the higher level of income, it shall be called

- (a) progressive tax.
- (b) proportional tax.
- (c) lump sum tax.
- (d) regressive tax.

Ans: [a]

Q56. Why is the Director of 'Chak De India'?

- (a) Shimit Amiro
- (b) Yash Chopra
- (c) Shahrukh Khan
- (d) Ram Gopal Verma

Ans: [a]

Q57. What is the full form of the scanning technique CAT?

- (a) Complete Anatomical Trepanning
- (b) Computerized Automatic Therapy
- (c) Computerized Axial Tomography
- (d) Complete Axial Transmission

Ans: [c]

Q58. Who got the World Food Prize?

- (a) KofiAnnan
- (b) Manmohan Singh
- (c) Bhumibol Adulyadej
- (d) Hillary Clinton

Ans: [d]

Q59. ISO 9000 is a

- (a) quality standard.
- (b) space project mark.
- (c) trade technique.
- (d) loan security.

Ans: [a]

Q60. What is 'AGMARK'?

- (a) Name of brand.
- (b) A marketing research organization.
- (c) Eggs supplied by Government-run cooperative.
- (d) Agriculture marketing for agro products.

Ans: [d]

Q61. The headquarters of Indian space research organization is at

- (a) Trivandrum.
- (b) New Delhi.
- (c) Bangalore.
- (d) Ahmadabad.

Ans: [c]

Q62. 'Saras' is the name of

- (a) an aircraft.
- (b) a tank.
- (c) a missile.
- (d) a submarine.

Ans: [a]

Q63. First woman Prime Minister in the World was from

- (a) Sri Lanka.
- (b) Bhutan.
- (c) India.
- (d) Nepal.

Ans: [a]

Q64. Who was felicitated with 'Nishan-e-Pakistan'?

- (a) Shatrughan Sinha
- (b) Maulana Azad
- (c) Dilip Kumar
- (d) Khan Abdul Gaff ar Khan

Ans: [c]

Q65. Which state provided separate reservation for Muslims and Christians in the state backward classes list in 2007?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Kerala

Ans: [b]

Q66. Which of the following dances is not a classical dance?

- (a) Kathakali
- (b) Garba
- (c) Odissi
- (d) Manipuri

Ans: [b]

Q67. Sulabh international is an organization which provides

- (a) health services in rural areas.
- (b) good sanitation at cheap rates.
- (c) low cost accommodation.
- (d) low cost credit.

Ans: [b]

Q68. Who among the following was honoured with 'Officer of the legion of Honour' award by French government in July 2008?

- (a) Dev Anand
- (b) Yash Chopra
- (c) B.R. Chopra
- (d) Mrinal Sen

Ans: [b]

Q69. The largest gland in the human body is

- (a) liver.
- (b) pancreas.
- (c) thyroid.
- (d) endocrine.

Ans: [c]

Q70. The Railway Budget for 2007–08 has declared the year 2007 as the year of

- (a) cleanliness.
- (b) passenger comfort.
- (c) staff welfare.
- (d) computerization of reservations.

Ans: [a]

Q71. In the world of Hindi cinema, who was affectionately called as 'Dada Moni'?

- (a) Balraj Sahnii
- (b) Prithviraj Kapoor
- (c) Ashok Kumar
- (d) Utpal Dutt

Ans: [c]

Q72. Outstanding Parliamentarian Award (2006) was presented in 2007 to

- (a) P. Chidambaram.
- (b) Sarad Pawar.
- (c) Mani Shankar.
- (d) Sushma Swaraj.

Ans: [c]

Q73. World's longest sea bridge has taken shape in 2007 in

- (a) China.
- (b) Japan.
- (c) Singapore.
- (d) USA.

Ans: [a]

Q74. Who among the following Indians become a Citigroup's Investment Banking Head?

- (a) L.N. Mittal
- (b) A.K. Subramanian
- (c) Vineet Seth
- (d) Vikram Pandit

Ans: [d]

Q75. The Green Revolution in India has been identified with

- (a) Dr Manmohan Singh.
- (b) Dr Montek Singh Ahluwalia.
- (c) Mr Rajendra Singh 'waterman'.
- (d) Dr M.S. Swaminathan.

Ans: [d]

Q76. Indian Judge in the UN Law of the Sea Tribunal is

- (a) Dr P.S. Rao.
- (b) Dr P.C. Rao.
- (c) Mr Justice Jagannath Rao.
- (d) Mr Justice Rajendra Babu.

Ans: [b]

Q77. The ozone layer thins down as a result of a chain chemical reaction that separates _____ from the layer

- (a) Oxygen.
- (b) Chlorine.
- (c) Nitrogen.
- (d) Hydrogen.

Ans: [b]

Q78. Joint SAARC University of eight SAARC nations has been established in

- (a) Colombo.
- (b) Dhaka.
- (c) Kathmandu.
- (d) New Delhi.

Ans: [d]

Q79. Which country recently produced the world's first cloned rabbit using a biological process that takes cells from a fetus?

- (a) UK
- (b) China
- (c) USA
- (d) Germany

Ans: [b]

Q80. Which one of the following vitamins is responsible for blood clotting?

- (a) Vitamin A
- (b) Vitamin E
- (c) Vitamin C
- (d) Vitamin K

Ans: [d]

Q81. What is the meaning of 'gilt edged market'?

- (a) Market in government securities.
- (b) Market of smuggled goods.
- (c) Market of auctioned goods.
- (d) Market of gold products.

Ans: [a]

Q82. Who is the Central Chief Information Commissioner of India?

- (a) Prof Ansari
- (b) Mrs Padma Subrmanian
- (c) Mr Wajahat Habibullah
- (d) Dr O.P. Kejariwal

Ans: [c]

Q83. The youngest recipient of Padma Shri so far is

- (a) Sachin Tendulkar.
- (b) Shobana Chandrakumar.
- (c) Sania Mirza.
- (d) Billy Arjan Singh.

Ans: [c]

Q84. Who is the director of the film Elizabeth: The Golden Age Cast?

- (a) Rama Nand Sagar
- (b) Ram Gopal Verma
- (c) Karan Johar
- (d) Shekhar Kapur

Ans: [d]

Q85. The territorial waters of India extend up to

- (a) 12 nautical miles.
- (b) 6 km.
- (c) 10 nautical miles.
- (d) 15 nautical miles.

Ans: [a]

Q86. 'Samjhouta Express' runs between the railway stations of

- (a) New Delhi – Wagah.
- (b) New Delhi – Lahore.
- (c) Amritsar – Lahore.
- (d) New Delhi – Islamabad.

Ans: [b]

Q87. Blue revolution refers to

- (a) forest development.
- (b) fishing.
- (c) poultry farming.
- (d) horticulture.

Ans: [b]

Q88. Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam has been appointed as Chancellor of

- (a) IIM Mumbai.
- (b) IIT Kanpur.
- (c) IIM Ahmedabad.
- (d) IIST Thiruvananthapuram.

Ans: [d]

Q89. In which state 'Kanya Vidyan Yojna' is operational?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan

(d) Haryana

Ans: [b]

Q90. Who emerged the fastest woman of the world at Beijing Olympics?

- (a) Sheron Sumpson
- (b) Kerron Stewart
- (c) Ann Fraser
- (d) Elina Basienna

Ans: [c]

Q91. Savannath grasslands are found in

- (a) North America.
- (b) Africa.
- (c) Australia.
- (d) East Asia.

Ans: [b]

Q92. Which state has launched the 'Arogya Sri', a health insurance scheme for families below poverty line?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Kerala

Ans: [a]

Q93. The first nuclear reactor of India is named as

- (a) Rohini.
- (b) Vaishali.
- (c) Apsara.
- (d) Kamini.

Ans: [c]

Q94. In May 2007 Air Sahara acquired by Jet Airways is being operated as a separate airline under the name of

- (a) Jet Lite.
- (b) Jet Sahara.
- (c) Air Jet Line.
- (d) Jet Sahara Lite.

Ans: [a]

Q95. Suez Canal connects

- (a) Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea.
- (b) Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea.
- (c) Baltic sea and Red Sea.
- (d) Baltic Sea and Black Sea.

Ans: [a]

Q96. Government has launched E-Passport Scheme and first E-Passport was issued to

- (a) Mr Arjun Singh.
- (b) Mrs Sonia Gandhi.
- (c) Dr Manmohan Singh.
- (d) Mrs Partibha Patil.

Ans: [d]

Q97. The Hindu outfit 'Hindraf' has been handed in

- (a) Pakistan.
- (b) Thailand.
- (c) Malaysia.
- (d) Bangladesh.

Ans: [c]

Q98. Which organization is headed by Indian environmentalist R.K. Pachauri, a Nobel laureate?

- (a) International Environment Panel
- (b) International Panel on Climate Change
- (c) International Pollution Control Panel
- (d) International Panel on Global Warming

Ans: [d]

Q99. Kandhamal, the worst affected town by sectarian violence in September–October 2008 is situated in

- (a) Orissa.
- (b) Gujarat.
- (c) Andhra Pradesh.
- (d) Karnataka.

Ans: [a]

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Q100. World 'No Tobacco Day' is observed on

- (a) 10th January.
- (b) 1st June.
- (c) 31st May.
- (d) 5th March.

Ans: [c]

Q101. Lumbini is the place where Buddha

- (a) attained nirvana.
- (b) attained enlightenment.
- (c) was born.
- (d) was married.

Ans: [c]

Q102. Galvanometer is an instrument to measure

- (a) relative density of liquids.
- (b) electric currents.
- (c) pressure of gases.
- (d) distances.

Ans: [b]

Q103. Who wrote 'Mudra Rakshasa'?

- (a) Vishakhadatta
- (b) Bana Bhatta
- (c) Kalidasa
- (d) Jaya Dev

Ans: [a]

Q104. The venue of Asian Games in 1970 was

- (a) Beijing.
- (b) Jakarta.
- (c) Bangkok.
- (d) New Delhi.

Ans: [c]

Q105. 1929 is known for

- (a) visit of Simon Commission to India.
- (b) Congress resolution for complete independence of India.
- (c) coming of Indian National Congress under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi.
- (d) Burma was made a part of India.

Ans: [b]

Q106. I.N.S. Airavat is India's

- (a) amphibious ship.
- (b) submarine.
- (c) destroyer.
- (d) frigate.

Ans: [a]

Q107. Astra-Missile is

- (a) surface to surface missile.
- (b) surface to air missile.
- (c) air to surface missile.
- (d) air to air missile.

Ans: [d]

Q108. Nehru Institute of Mountaineering is situated at

- (a) Nainital.
- (b) Darjeeling.
- (c) Shimla.
- (d) Uttarkashi.

Ans: [d]

Q109. The chief guest on the 60th Republic day of India was the President of

- (a) Uzbekistan.
- (b) Tajikistan.
- (c) Kazakstan.
- (d) South-Africa.

Ans: [c]

Q110. Which of the following was not the base of L.T.T.E. before being captured by Srilankan Forces?

- (a) Elephant Pass
- (b) Kilinochchi
- (c) Mullaitivu
- (d) Murid ke

Ans: [d]

Q111. Who was given Col C. K. Nayudu Life Time Achievement Award for 2007–08 for exemplary contribution to cricket?

- (a) Kapil Dev
- (b) Gundappa Vishwanath
- (c) Sunil Gavaskar
- (d) Vijay Hazare

Ans: [b]

Q112. Who is the foreign minister of European Union?

- (a) Baroness Ashlon
- (b) Massimo D' Alema
- (c) David Miliband
- (d) Carl Bildt

Ans: [a]

Q113. Who is the author of Godan?

- (a) Bhisma Sahani
- (b) Premchand
- (c) Manohar Shyam Joshi
- (d) Sharad Chandra Chatto padhyay

Ans: [b]

Q114. Which political party does Raj Babbar belong to?

- (a) Samajwadi
- (b) Bharatiya Janata Party

(c) Congress
(d) Bahujan Samaj Party
Ans: [c]

Q115. In which year Bastille fell on 14th of July?
(a) 1879
(b) 1789
(c) 1787
(d) None of them
Ans: [b]

Q116. Alberto Fujimori is the former president of
(a) Japan.
(b) Peru.
(c) South Korea.
(d) Vietnam.
Ans: [b]

Q117. Which of the following is the national river of India?
(a) Brahmaputra
(b) Narmada
(c) Ganga
(d) Kaveri
Ans: [c]

Q118. The highest number of telephone users are in
(a) China.
(b) USA.
(c) Canada.
(d) India.
Ans: [a]

Q119. The president of Maldives is
(a) Maumoom Abdul Gayoom.
(b) Mohammad Ashraf.
(c) Mahmood Alam.
(d) Mohammed Nasheed.
Ans: [d]

Q120. Arabinda Rajkhowa is a member of
(a) BJP.
(b) Assam Gana Parishad.
(c) Maoist Centre.
(d) Ulfa.
Ans: [d]

Q121. The breakthrough in the ideas of Darwin on the evolution of species came after his visit to a cluster of islands and where he saw that each island supported its own form of finch. Name the islands.
(a) Iceland
(b) Greenland
(c) Galapagos
(d) Christian Islands
Ans: [c]

Q122. Mahatma Gandhi never became a Nobel Laureate, but he was nominated five times. In which of the following years he was not nominated?
(a) 1937
(b) 1939
(c) 1948
(d) 1940
Ans: [c]

Q123. Which of the following countries has not, till the end of 2009, decoded the entire genome of a human being?
(a) India
(b) Russia
(c) China
(d) Canada
Ans: [b]

Q124. When was the University of Bombay (now is Mumbai) established?
(a) 1861
(b) 1857
(c) 1909
(d) 1890
Ans: [b]

Q125. Harare is the capital of
(a) Zambia.
(b) Zaire Republic.
(c) Zimbabwe.
(d) Yemen.
Ans: [c]

Q126. Before the Indian team left for Conference on Climate Change at Copenhagen, Jairam Ramesh announced that India would work for voluntary reduction of
(a) 40 to 45 per cent.
(b) 20 to 25 per cent.
(c) 30 to 35 per cent.
(d) 10 to 15 per cent. in energy intensity in 2020 compared to 2005
Ans: [b]

Q127. Which is the largest island in the world (if Australia is not considered an island)?
(a) Iceland
(b) Borneo
(c) Sumatra
(d) Greenland
Ans: [d]

Q128. Indo-Pak Summit between Parvez Musharraf and Atal Bihari Bajpayee was held in 2001 at
(a) Delhi.
(b) Shimla.
(c) Agra.
(d) Mumbai.
Ans: [c]

Q129. In May 2009, in the final of Sultan Azlan Shah Championship; Indian men's Hockey team was defeated by
(a) Pakistan.
(b) Argentina.
(c) New Zealand.
(d) Canada.
Ans: [c]

Q130. Which of the following is not a union territory?
(a) Tripura
(b) Daman and Diu
(c) Lakshadweep
(d) Puducherry
Ans: [a]

Q131. Who was the founder editor of Kesari?

- (a) Lala Lajpat Rai
- (b) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- (c) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- (d) Dadabhai Naoroji

Ans: [b]

Q132. With whose permission did the English set up their first factory at Surat?

- (a) Akbar
- (b) Shahjahan
- (c) Jahangir
- (d) Aurangzeb

Ans: [c]

Q133. The group of nations known as G-8 started as G-7. Which among the following was not one of them?

- (a) Canada
- (b) Italy
- (c) Russia
- (d) Japan

Ans: [c]

Q134. Emperor Akbar the Great, died in the year

- (a) 1505
- (b) 1605
- (c) 1606
- (d) 1590

Ans: [b]

Q135. What was the name of Emperor Shahjahan before he became Emperor?

- (a) Kusrau
- (b) Khurram
- (c) Parvez
- (d) Shaheryar

Ans: [b]

Q136. Which of the following trees has medicinal value?

- (a) Pine
- (b) Teak
- (c) Oak
- (d) Neem

Ans: [d]

Q137. Identify the main principle on which the Parliamentary system operates?

- (a) Responsibility of executive to legislature
- (b) Supremacy of democracy
- (c) Rule of law
- (d) Supremacy of the Constitution

Ans: [c]

Q138. Great tennis player Bjorn Borg belongs to which country?

- (a) Italy
- (b) Latvia
- (c) USA
- (d) Sweden

Ans: [d]

Q139. Which of the following is the national anthem of India?

- (a) Vande Mataram
- (b) Jana gana mana adhinayak
- (c) Ye mera chaman, ye mera chaman
- (d) Sare jahan se achchha

Ans: [b]

Q140. Which country was known as sick man of Europe?

- (a) Greece
- (b) Latvia
- (c) Turkey
- (d) Austria

Ans: [c]

Q141. In Malaysia, the word 'bhumi putra' refers to

- (a) Malayas.
- (b) Chinese.
- (c) Indians.
- (d) Buddhists.

Ans: [a]

Q142. What was the real name of Munshi Premchand?

- (a) Nabab Rai
- (b) Dhanpat Rai
- (c) Ram Chandra Srivastava
- (d) Hari Shankar

Ans: [b]

Q143. Who is the author of Old Man and the Sea?

- (a) John Ruskin
- (b) Raja Rao
- (c) Gunter Grass
- (d) Ernest Hemingway

Ans: [d]

Q144. Prophet Mohammed was born in

- (a) 570 AD
- (b) 720 AD
- (c) 620 AD
- (d) 510 AD

Ans: [a]

Q145. When was the First World War declared?

- (a) 1914
- (b) 1915
- (c) 1918
- (d) 1913

Ans: [a]

Q146. Deodhar Trophy is given for the sport of

- (a) Cricket.
- (b) Football.
- (c) Hockey.
- (d) Golf.

Ans: [a]

Q147. Pariyar Wild-Life sanctuary is situated in the state of

- (a) Tamil Nadu.
- (b) Karnataka.
- (c) Kerala.
- (d) Andhra Pradesh.

Ans: [c]

Q148. Neapanagar in Madhya Pradesh is known for

- (a) steel mills.

- (b) sugar mills.
 - (c) potteries.
 - (d) news print factory.
- Ans: [d]

Q149. Who destroyed the Somnath temple in Gujarat?

- (a) Mohammed Ghouri
- (b) Mahmud Ghaznavi
- (c) Changhez Khan
- (d) Taimur Lang

Ans: [b]

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Q150. In Cape Traflagar, the famous title of Trafalgar was fought in 1805. Where is Cape Trafalgar situated?

- (a) Italy
- (b) Greece
- (c) Spain
- (d) Portugal

Ans: [c]

Q151. Who was recently in the news when the Supreme Court of India rejected her plea for euthanasia, but paved the way for legalization of passive euthanasia?

- (a) Aruna Shanbaug
- (b) Aruna Roy
- (c) Mary Roy
- (d) Medha Patkar

Ans: [a]

Q152. Nagoya Protocol, signed by India on 30 October 2010 is

- (a) an international treaty of bilateral investment between India and Japan.
- (b) an international treaty to ensure that local produce are exploited only under license and for the common good of the mankind.
- (c) an international treaty to ensure that the benefits of natural resources and their commercial derivatives are shared with local communities.
- (d) None of the above.

Ans: [c]

Q153. Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, was arrested in which of the following nations?

- (a) The UK
- (b) Sweden
- (c) The USA
- (d) Denmark

Ans: [a]

Q154. Which of the following are the five countries that have decided to bid for 2017 World Athletics Championships?

- (a) Qatar, The USA, China, Sri Lanka, and Brazil
- (b) Germany, Britain, Hungary, Qatar, and Spain
- (c) Germany, Qatar, India, Spain, and China
- (d) Germany, Britain, China, Qatar, and Spain

Ans: [b]

Q155. The recent Tunisian revolution is known as

- (a) Orange Revolution.
- (b) Jasmine Revolution.
- (c) Purple Revolution.
- (d) Crescent Revolution.

Ans: [b]

Q156. The Naive and the Sentimental Novelist is a 2010 publication of Harvard University Press of which of the following authors?

- (a) Orhan Pamuk
- (b) J.M. Coetzee
- (c) Partha Chatterjee
- (d) Ben Okri

Ans: [a]

Q157. Who replaced Lalit Modi as the IPL Chairman and Commissioner from this year's edition of the IPL?

- (a) Chirayu Amin
- (b) Rajiv Shukla
- (c) Ratnakar Shetty
- (d) Shashank Manohar

Ans: [a]

Q158. Which one of the following films was officially selected to compete in the Uncertain Regard (A Certain Glance) category at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival?

- (a) Udaan
- (b) My Name is Khan
- (c) Wednesday
- (d) Dhobi Ghat

Ans: [a]

Q159. Ram Kumudini Devi whose birth centenary is being celebrated in 2011, was the

- (a) first woman barrister of India.
- (b) first woman mayor of Hyderabad.
- (c) first woman photographer in India.
- (d) first woman doctor of India.

Ans: [b]

Q160. The Supreme Court in 2010 upheld an order of the Bombay High Court to lift a four-year-old ban imposed by the Maharashtra government on publication and circulation of a controversial book, authored by American scholar James Laine. Identify the book from the following.

- (a) Chatrapati Shivaji
- (b) Shivaji - The Warrior King
- (c) Shivaji - The Hindu King in Muslim India
- (d) None of the above

Ans: [c]

Q161. In which case did the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court on 14 July 2010 commute the death sentence of six accused to rigorous life imprisonment?

- (a) Khairlanji case
- (b) Bhopal Gas Leak case
- (c) Bhagalpur case
- (d) Nithari case

Ans: [a]

Q162. The Shunglu panel was constituted for which of the following issues?

- (a) Investigate the 2G Spectrum Scam.
 (b) Suggest Civil Service Reforms.
 (c) Probe the Commonwealth Games Scam.
 (d) Suggest reforms on center-state relationship.
 Ans: [c]

Q163. Who was appointed as the Chairman of the National Innovation Council in August 2010?

- (a) Shashi Tharoor
 (b) Chetan Bhagat
 (c) Arindam Chaudhury
 (d) Sam Pitroda

Ans: [d]

Q164. Name the Kenya-born political lobbyist who runs a firm called Vaishnavi Corporate Communications, and has recently been in news?

- (a) Barkha Dutt
 (b) Vir Sanghvi
 (c) Vina Ramani
 (d) Niira Radia

Ans: [d]

Q165. Irom Sharmila has been fasting for the last 10 years to protest against which of the following issues?

- (a) Rape cases against Indian Army in Manipur.
 (b) Emergency in Manipur.
 (c) Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2005
 (d) Application of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 in Manipur.

Ans: [d]

Q166. Thein Sein is the newly-appointed President of which of the following nations?

- (a) Indonesia
 (b) Malaysia
 (c) Myanmar
 (d) Thailand

Ans: [c]

Q167. Baglihar dam has been a matter of dispute between which nations?

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

Ans: [d]

Q168. Who is the author of the book Tinderbox – The Past and Future of Pakistan?

- (a) Husain Haqqani
 (b) Yasmeen Niaz Mohiuddin
 (c) Ishrat Husain
 (d) M.J. Akbar

Ans: [d]

Q169. On 25th January 2011, BJP leaders Sushma Swaraj and Arun Jaitley were prevented from entering Srinagar and unfurl the national flag. What was that Rath Yatra called?

- (a) Swabhimaan Yatra
 (b) Ekta Yatra
 (c) Mukti Yatra
 (d) Swaraj Yatra

Ans: [b]

Q170. Who is chairing the Joint Parliamentary Committee (UPC) on the 2G Spectrum allocation issue?

- (a) Murli Manohar Joshi
 (b) A Raja
 (c) M. Thambi Durai
 (d) P.C. Chacko

Ans: [a]

Q171. Saina Nehwal recently defeated Ji Hyun Sung of South Korea to win which of the following titles?

- (a) Swiss Open Grand Prix Gold Badminton
 (b) Commonwealth Games
 (c) Singapore Open
 (d) Hong Kong Open

Ans: [a]

Q172. Moller Manush, the film to win the 'Golden Peacock' at the 41st International Film Festival of India was based on the life of which legendary 19th century folk singer and spiritual leader?

- (a) Kabir
 (b) Surjya Sen
 (c) Kabir Suman
 (d) Lalan Fakir

Ans: [d]

Q173. Justice P.C. Phukan Commission of Inquiry was constituted to enquire into which of the following incidents?

- (a) Clashes between Nagas and Lepchas in Nagaland on 14th August, 2
 (b) Clashes between Bodos and Muslims in Northern Assam's Udalguri district on 14th August 2
 (c) Clashes between Assamese and Bengalis in Guwahati on 14th August 2
 (d) None of the above.

Ans: [d]

Q174. The first woman Secretary-General of SAARC is from which country?

- (a) Maldives
 (b) Bhutan
 (c) Sri Lanka
 (d) India

Ans: [a]

Q175. Under whose premiership was the Women's Reservations Bill (to secure quotas for women in Parliament and State legislative assemblies) first introduced in Parliament?

- (a) Rajiv Gandhi
 (b) H.D. Deve Gowda
 (c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
 (d) Manmohan Singh

Ans: [b]

Q176. Which Irish player scored the fastest Century in the history of World Cup Cricket?

- (a) Niall O'Al Lten
 (b) Kevin O' Brien
 (c) A. Cusack
 (d) Ed Joyce

Ans: [b]

Q177. Which of the following report brought out the 2G Spectrum Scam?

- (a) CBI report
- (b) WikiLeaks
- (c) CAG report
- (d) None of the above

Ans: [c]

Q178. In February 2011, Gopa Sabharwal was appointed as the first Vice-Chancellor of which University of international stature?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- (b) Azim Premji University
- (c) Visva-Bharati University
- (d) Nalanda International University

Ans: [d]

Q179. With which Hindutva association are Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur and Swami Aseemanand allegedly associated?

- (a) Vishwa Hindu Parishad
- (b) Shri Ram Sena
- (c) Abhinav Bharat
- (d) Arya Samaj

Ans: [c]

Q180. With which of the following do you associate the name P.J. Thomas?

- (a) Central Vigilance Commission
- (b) Lokpal
- (c) Anti-corruption Ombudsman
- (d) Banking Ombudsman

Ans: [a]

Q181. The 17th Commonwealth Law Conference was held in which city?

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Bangalore
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Hyderabad

Ans: [d]

Q182. Gustavo Santaolall who composed the music to the song 'Stranger Lives' in the movie Dhobi Ghat, is from which of the following nations?

- (a) Chile
- (b) Peru
- (c) Argentina
- (d) Mexico

Ans: [c]

Q183. Which one of the following was not awarded a portion of the contested land by the judgment of the Allahabad High Court in 2010 pertaining to the Ayodhya dispute?

- (a) Nirmohi Akhada
- (b) Sunni Central Board of Waqfs
- (c) Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh
- (d) Bhagwan Sri Ram Lala Virajman

Ans: [c]

Q184. Sania Mirza claimed silver in the tennis mixed doubles category in the Asian Games in Guanzhou in November 2010 Who was her partner?

- (a) Mahesh Bhupathi
- (b) Somdev Devvarman
- (c) Leander Paes
- (d) Vishnu Vardhan

Ans: [d]

Q185. China objected to the Dalai Lama's recent visit to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh. What was he visiting in Tawang?

- (a) A Buddhist monastery.
- (b) A memorial to Tibetans massacred by the Chinese army.
- (c) The residence of Panchen Lama.
- (d) None of the above.

Ans: [a]

Q186. Which one of the following tribes lives in the Niyamgiri Hills, which is at the heart of the controversy surrounding Vedanta Resources mining operations?

- (a) Manna Ohora
- (b) Oongria Kondh
- (c) Pardhan
- (d) Mal Pahariya

Ans: [b]

Q187. Which prominent Barrister-politician, who was closely linked with the emergency proclamation of 1975, breathed his last in Kolkata on 6th November 2010?

- (a) Jyoti Basu
- (b) Siddhartha Shankar Ray
- (c) Hiren Mukherjee
- (d) Indrajit Gupta

Ans: [b]

Q188. Who is the author of the book Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi and his Struggle with India, criticized for its content?

- (a) Nirad C. Chaudhury
- (b) Joseph Lelyveld
- (c) Khushwant Singh
- (d) Hermann Kallenbach

Ans: [b]

Q189. Which Gharana of classical singing did Late Pandit Bhimsen Joshi belong to?

- (a) Ohrupad
- (b) Maihar
- (c) Kirana
- (d) Etawah

Ans: [c]

Q190. 14th March 2011 was the 80th Anniversary of the first Indian sound film (talkie). Which movie was it?

- (a) Jahan Ara
- (b) Alam Ara
- (c) Noorjehan
- (d) None of the above

Ans: [b]

Q191. Which internationally renowned musician collaborated with Rahul Sharma to release a music album titled 'Namaste India'?

- (a) Richard Clayderman
 - (b) Kenny G
 - (c) Yanni
 - (d) Ricky Martin
- Ans: [b]

Q192. War on Terrorism or American Strategy for Global Dominance is authored by which of the following authors?

- (a) Noam Chomsky
- (b) Oemetrios Carale
- (c) Lea Brilmayer
- (d) Manzoor Alam

Ans: [d]

Q193. Mohammad Asif, Mohammad Amir, and Salman Butt (cricket players of Pakistan) have been banned for being found guilty of spot fixing. To which of the following institutions have they appealed?

- (a) Pakistan Cricket Board
- (b) Anti-Corruption Tribunal of the Asian Cricket Council
- (c) Court of Arbitration for Sport
- (d) Anti-Corruption Tribunal of the International Cricket Council

Ans: [c]

Q194. Indian driver Karun Chandok was recently in the news for which of the following?

- (a) Being selected as a reserve driver by Team Force India for the 2011 Formula One season.
- (b) Being selected as a reserve driver by Team Lotus for the 2011 Formula One season.
- (c) Being selected a reserve driver by Team Ferrari for the 2011 Formula One season.
- (d) None of the above.

Ans: [b]

Q195. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meeting of 2010 December was held in which of the following places?

- (a) Colorado
- (b) Canberra
- (c) Cancun
- (d) None of the above

Ans: [c]

Q196. Which of the following pairings is incorrect?

- (a) Muammar Gaddafi–Syria
- (b) Fidel Castro–Cuba
- (c) Pol Pot–Cambodia
- (d) Hosni Mubarak–Egypt

Ans: [a]

Q197. The Right of Children to Full and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, requires private schools to ensure that _____ per cent of their students come from weaker sections and disadvantaged groups?

- (a) 2
- (b) 15
- (c) 25
- (d) 40

Ans: [c]

Q198. Srikrishna Committee, which recently submitted its report, was constituted for which of the following issues?

- (a) Mumbai bomb blast case
- (b) Malegaon blast case
- (c) Telengana issue
- (d) 2G Spectrum corruption issue

Ans: [c]

Q199. The longest highway in India runs from

- (a) Kolkata to Jammu.
- (b) Shillong to Amritsar.
- (c) Ambala to Nagercoil.
- (d) Varanasi to Kanyakumari.

Ans: [d]

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Q200. The longest irrigation canal in India is called

- (a) Upper Bari Doab Canal.
- (b) Indira Gandhi Canal.
- (c) Sirhind Canal.
- (d) Yamuna Canal.

Ans: [b]

Q201. Leukemia is a disease related to

- (a) kidney.
- (b) throat.
- (c) blood.
- (d) eyes.

Ans: [c]

Q202. In which city was Osama Bin Laden killed in May 2011?

- (a) Islamabad
- (b) Abbottabad
- (c) Faisalabad
- (d) Peshawar

Ans: [b]

Q203. The XI Five Year Plan envisaged the highest growth in the sector of

- (a) industry.
- (b) agriculture.
- (c) services.
- (d) manufacturing.

Ans: [c]

Q204. Light year is a unit of

- (a) distance.
- (b) time.
- (c) sound.
- (d) light intensity.

Ans: [a]

Q205. The IV summit of BRICS was held in New Delhi on

- (a) 11th January 2012.
- (b) 1st April 2012.
- (c) 29th March 2012.
- (d) 28th February 2012.

Ans: [c]

Q206. An indigenous nuclear submarine still under construction has been named as

- (a) Chakra.
- (b) Sudarshan.
- (c) Arihant.
- (d) Ghaatak.

Ans: [c]

Q207. Government of India has launched a publicity campaign for census 2011 in association with which of the following UN organization?

- (a) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- (b) World Health Organization (WHO)
- (c) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- (d) United Nations Population Fund (UNPF)

Ans: [c]

Q208. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) completed how many years of operation in 2011?

- (a) 3 years
- (b) 4 years
- (c) 5 years
- (d) 6 years

Ans: [d]

Q209. The first ever formula one race in India was held in

- (a) Greater Noida.
- (b) New Delhi.
- (c) Faridabad.
- (d) Pune.

Ans: [a]

Q210. Name the actor who has been honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2012

- (a) Naseerudin Shah
- (b) Kamal Hasan
- (c) Soumitra Chatterjee
- (d) Amol Paleker

Ans: [c]

Q211. In which city was the Arab Summit held in the last week of March 2012?

- (a) Bagdad
- (b) Cairo
- (c) Beirut
- (d) Riyadh

Ans: [a]

Q212. The two Supreme Court Judges who delivered the famous 2-G judgment in February 2012 were

- (a) Justice G.S. Singhvi and Justice Gyan Sudha Mishra.
- (b) Justice G.S. Singhvi and Justice A.K. Ganguly.
- (c) Justice S.H. Kapadia and Justice A.K. Ganguly.
- (d) Justice Chandramauli Kumar Prasad and Justice H.L. Gokhale.

Ans: [b]

Q213. Who presides over the joint sitting of both houses of Parliament?

- (a) Speaker of Lok Sabha
- (b) President
- (c) Chairman of Rajya Sabha
- (d) Prime Minister

Ans: [a]

Q214. Christian Lagarde heads the

- (a) World Bank.
- (b) UNICEF.
- (c) International Monetary Fund.
- (d) WHO.

Ans: [c]

Q215. The seat of International Criminal Court is at

- (a) the Hague.
- (b) Geneva.
- (c) Washington.
- (d) Tokyo.

Ans: [a]

Q216. First Indian to ski to North Pole is

- (a) Arun Nayyar.
- (b) Ajeet Bajaj.
- (c) Sq. Ldr. Sanjay Thapar.
- (d) Neal Paramjeet.

Ans: [b]

Q217. First woman Director General of Police in India was

- (a) Kanchan Choudhary.
- (b) Kavitha Choudhary.
- (c) Kiran Bedi.
- (d) Aswathy Tonge.

Ans: [a]

Q218. Which countries co-hosted the One-day cricket World Cup in 2011?

- (a) India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.
- (b) India, Bangladesh and Pakistan.
- (c) India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.
- (d) India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Ans: [a]

Q219. Priyanka Chopra has been named National Ambassador of

- (a) WHO.
- (b) UNICEF.
- (c) UNESCO.
- (d) International Red Cross Society.

Ans: [b]

Q220. Who is leading in the Republican primaries to contest the American Presidential election scheduled in November 2012?

- (a) Sara Palm
- (b) Newt Gingrich
- (c) Rick Santorum
- (d) Mitt Romney

Ans: [d]

Q221. Supreme Court recently declared 'Salva Jiidum' unconstitutional. What is 'Salva Judam'?

- (a) A terrorist outfit.
- (b) An armed civilian group formed to combat Maoists.
- (c) A money-chain business.
- (d) Custom of killing a girl for inter-caste marriage in the name of honour.

Ans: [b]

Q222. As per the Indian Union Budget of 2012–13, the income-tax exemption limit for persons below 65 years of age is

- (a) Rs. 1,75,000.
- (b) Rs. 2,00,000.
- (c) Rs. 2,50,000.
- (d) Rs. 1,90,000.

Ans: [b]

Q223. The UN Climate Change Conference 2011 was held in

- (a) New Delhi.
- (b) Doha.
- (c) Durban.
- (d) Geneva.

Ans: [c]

Q224. Who said that, 'Man is a social animal'?

- (a) Socrates
- (b) Aristotle
- (c) Kahn
- (d) Plato

Ans: [b]

Q225. World Computer Literacy day is celebrated on

- (a) 14th November
- (b) 3rd November
- (c) 2nd December
- (d) 5th July

Ans: [c]

Q226. Whose teaching inspired the French Revolution?

- (a) Rousseau
- (b) Locke
- (c) Hegel
- (d) Wanner

Ans: [a]

Q227. The II Africa–India Summit was held in May 2011 in

- (a) New Delhi.
- (b) Lagos.
- (c) Nairobi.
- (d) Addis Ababa.

Ans: [d]

Q228. The famous Akshardham temple is situated in the city of

- (a) Jamnagar.
- (b) Gandhinagar.
- (c) Jammu.
- (d) Madurai.

Ans: [b]

Q229. Who out of the following was the recipient of Dhyan Chand award in 2011?

- (a) Satish Pillai
- (b) Hukam Singh
- (c) Sabbir Ali
- (d) Mukh Bain Singh

Ans: [c]

Q230. Name the annual fair of Rajasthan that is famous for its camel trading event.

- (a) Maru Mela.

- (b) Pushkar Mela.
- (c) Suraj Kund Mela.
- (d) Sonepur Mela.

Ans: [b]

Q231. The 38th G-8 summit will be held in 2012 in

- (a) USA.
- (b) UK.
- (c) Germany.
- (d) Canada.

Ans: [a]

Q232. Who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 2011?

- (a) Paul Lauterbur
- (b) Bill Clinton
- (c) Thomas Transtromer
- (d) Shirin Ebadi

Ans: [c]

Q233. Who was awarded the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize in 2011?

- (a) Nelson Mandela
- (b) National Literacy Service, Burundi
- (c) Medha Patkar
- (d) National Literacy Mission, India

Ans: [b]

Q234. December 10 is observed as

- (a) World Health Day.
- (b) UN Day.
- (c) Red Cross Day.
- (d) Human Rights Day.

Ans: [d]

Q235. Which is the largest gland in human body?

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

Ans: [b]

Q236. The book titled The Google Story has been authored by

- (a) David A. Vice.
- (b) Shobha Dey.
- (c) Fredrick Forsyth.
- (d) Vikram Seth.

Ans: [a]

Q237. Which strait separates Europe from Africa?

- (a) Mallaica
- (b) Gibraltar
- (c) Berring
- (d) Palk

Ans: [b]

Q238. Taiwan was earlier known as

- (a) Fuchow.
- (b) Marshall Island.
- (c) Formosa.
- (d) Macau.

Ans: [c]

Q239. Identify the Indian Tennis player who has turned Hollywood filmmaker?

- (a) Vijay Amritraj
- (b) Mahesh Bhupathi
- (c) Leander Paes
- (d) Ashok Amritraj

Ans: [d]

Q240. Where will the next Olympic Games be held in 2012?

- (a) Tokyo
- (b) Berlin
- (c) London
- (d) Toronto

Ans: [c]

Q241. Which of the following teams has won the Santosh Trophy Football Championship in 2011?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Goa
- (d) Railways

Ans: [b]

Q242. Excess of money supply as compared to supply of goods results in

- (a) depression.
- (b) deflation.
- (c) trade deficit.
- (d) inflation.

Ans: [d]

Q243. The largest living flightless bird is

- (a) Emu.
- (b) Kiwi.
- (c) Ostrich.
- (d) Penguin.

Ans: [c]

Q244. Which of the following oceans has the shape of the English letter 'S'?

- (a) Atlantic
- (b) Pacific
- (c) Indian
- (d) Arctic

Ans: [a]

Q245. Which is the longest shipping canal in the world?

- (a) Panama Canal
- (b) Suez Canal
- (c) White Sea-Baltic Canal
- (d) Kiel canal

Ans: [b]

Q246. Le Corbusier, the architect of Chandigarh was a national of

- (a) Britain.
- (b) Portugal.
- (c) France.
- (d) Netherlands.

Ans: [c]

Q247. India became a member of UNO in

- (a) 1945.
- (b) 1947.

(c) 1950.

(d) 1952.

Ans: [a]

Q248. To which country does India export the largest quantity of iron ore?

- (a) USA
- (b) China
- (c) Egypt
- (d) Germany ENGLISH Instructions

Ans: [b]

Q249. The Headquarters of European Union is situated in

- (a) England.
- (b) Germany.
- (c) France.
- (d) Belgium.

Ans: [d]

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Q250. India in 2008 successfully put CHANDRAYAAN-1 into its initial orbit by

- (a) PSLV-C12
- (b) PSLV-C11
- (c) PSLV-C14
- (d) GSLV D3

Ans: [b]

Q251. Vishwanathan Anand retained the World Chess Championship in 2012 by defeating Boris Gelfand. Mr Gelfand belongs to

- (a) Israel.
- (b) Russia.
- (c) Poland.
- (d) USA.

Ans: [a]

Q252. Kapilvastu Relics (fragments of Lord Buddha's bone), for the second time recently travelled from India to

- (a) China.
- (b) Sri Lanka.
- (c) Myanmar.
- (d) Japan.

Ans: [b]

Q253. Dr Norman Borlaugh is famous as father of the Green Revolution in 1960s. His initial goal was to create varieties of wheat adapted to the climate of

- (a) Mexico.
- (b) India.
- (c) USA.
- (d) China.

Ans: [c]

Q254. A feature 'Bluetooth' now common in mobile phones, gets its name from a

- (a) Chinese 10th century king.
- (b) UK software company.
- (c) Greek goddess.

(d) Danish 10th century king.

Ans: [d]

Q255. Which pair of states does not touch each other?

- (a) Meghalaya, Manipur
- (b) Chhattisgarh, U.P.
- (c) Rajasthan, Punjab
- (d) J.K., H.P.

Ans: [a]

Q256. Baglihar dam, is constructed on river

- (a) Ravi.
- (b) Chonab.
- (c) Indus.
- (d) Sutloj.

Ans: [b]

Q257. Navjivan Trust was instituted with the objectives of propagating peaceful means of attaining third Swaraj, by

- (a) Mohan Das Karam Chand Gandhi.
- (b) Lala Lajpat Rai.
- (c) Bal Gangadhar Tilak.
- (d) Dr Ambedkar.

Ans: [a]

Q258. World Cup Football 2014 and Olympics 2016 will be held in

- (a) USA.
- (b) Brazil.
- (c) Russia.
- (d) South Africa.

Ans: [b]

Q259. In 2012-13, India's target is to restrict the fiscal deficit to x% of the GDP, where x is

- (a) 10.
- (b) 8.3.
- (c) 15.
- (d) 5.1.

Ans: [d]

Q260. POSCO steel project to come up but being strongly protested by the people is located in

- (a) Chattisgarh.
- (b) Jharkhand.
- (c) Odisha.
- (d) Andhra Pradesh.

Ans: [c]

Q261. Bharat Ratna and Padma awards in our country were instituted in the year

- (a) 1952.
- (b) 1954.
- (c) 1962.
- (d) 1964.

Ans: [b]

Q262. Who was crowned the Miss World 2012 on 18th August 2012?

- (a) Ms Jessica Kahawaty
- (b) Ms Wenxia Yu
- (c) Ms Vanya Mishra
- (d) Ms Sophie Moulds

Ans: [b]

Q263. Vishwaroopam is a 2013 Tamil spy thriller film written, directed and co-produced by _____ who also enacts the lead role.

- (a) Prakash Raj
- (b) Rajni Kant
- (c) Kamal Haasan
- (d) Chiranjeevi

Ans: [c]

Q264. Vijay Kumar, who clinched a silver medal in London Olympics in 2012 is associated with

- (a) boxing.
- (b) shooting.
- (c) weight lifting.
- (d) wrestling.

Ans: [b]

Q265. Sushil Kumar who won a silver medal in London Olympics in 2012 is associated with

- (a) shooting.
- (b) boxing.
- (c) wrestling.
- (d) weight lifting.

Ans: [c]

Q266. How many medals did India win in London Olympics 2012?

- (a) 3
- (b) 4
- (c) 5
- (d) 6

Ans: [d]

Q267. The present Pope chosen in March 2013 hails from which country?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Mexico
- (c) Argentina
- (d) Panama

Ans: [c]

Q268. The first person to set foot on the moon on 20th July 1969 and who died on 25th August 2012 was

- (a) Nevil Armstrong.
- (b) Neil Armstrong.
- (c) Gagan Narang.
- (d) Michael Phelps.

Ans: [b]

Q269. In which place, on 21st February 2013, two powerful explosive devices planted on bicycles has exploded in Andhra Pradesh?

- (a) Dilrubnagar
- (b) Dilsukhnagar
- (c) Dilkushnagar
- (d) Dilshaknagar

Ans: [c]

Q270. On which date Maha Kumbh Mela started in Prayag this year?

- (a) 14th January 2013
- (b) 1st January 2013
- (c) 26th January 2013

(d) 4th January 2013

Ans: [a]

Q271. On which date International Women's Day is celebrated?

- (a) 18th March
- (b) 8th March
- (c) 28th March
- (d) 18th February

Ans: [b]

Q272. Duration of which Five Year Plan was 2007–2012?

- (a) X
- (b) XII
- (c) IX
- (d) XI

Ans: [d]

Q273. As per census 2011, which State has the lowest sex ratio (877:1000)?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Bihar

Ans: [b]

Q274. Hugo Chavez who died on 5th March 2013 after losing his battle with cancer, was the President of which country?

- (a) Argentina
- (b) Cuba
- (c) Brazil
- (d) Venezuela

Ans: [d]

Q275. Carlos Slim, who tops the list of world's wealthiest people, for the fourth year in a row, belongs to which country?

- (a) USA
- (b) England
- (c) Mexico
- (d) Germany

Ans: [c]

Q276. In the name P. Chidambaram, the present Union Finance Minister, what does 'P' stands for?

- (a) Palghat
- (b) Pallakudi
- (c) Palaniappan
- (d) Perumal

Ans: [c]

Q277. The earlier name of which city was New Amsterdam?

- (a) Chicago
- (b) California
- (c) Washington DC
- (d) New York City

Ans: [d]

Q278. The grant of Diwani of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa is associated with

- (a) Nawab Shuja-ud-Daula
- (b) Nawab Asif-ud-Daula

(c) Shah Alam I

(d) Shah Alam II

Ans: [d]

Q279. Where did Kuchipudi, an eminent dance form, originate?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Utter Pradesh
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Ans: [b]

Q280. Light year is the unit of

- (a) time.
- (b) distance.
- (c) light.
- (d) none of these.

Ans: [b]

Q281. The leaning tower of Pisa does not fall because

- (a) it is tapered at the top.
- (b) it covers a large base area.
- (c) its CG is inside the tower.
- (d) the vertical line passing through the CG of the tower falls within its base.

Ans: [d]

Q282. Paradise Regained was written by _____.

- (a) John Milton
- (b) Michel Angelo
- (c) John Keats
- (d) Lord Byron

Ans: [a]

Q283. Which is the richest temple in India?

- (a) Balaji Temple of Tirupathi
- (b) Padmanabha Swamy Temple of Thiruvananthapuram
- (c) Shirdi Sal Baba Temple
- (d) Jagannatha Temple of Puri

Ans: [b]

Q284. Who founded the Red Cross?

- (a) Henry Dunant
- (b) Alexander
- (c) James Cook
- (d) Bismark

Ans: [a]

Q285. World Literacy Day is celebrated on

- (a) 5th September.
- (b) 6th September.
- (c) 8th September.
- (d) none of these.

Ans: [a]

Q286. South African Paralympics icon Oscar Pistorius has been accused of killing

- (a) Julia Kamp
- (b) Reeva Steenkamp
- (c) Pistorius Kamp
- (d) Shakeera Kamp

Ans: [b]

Q287. In the month of March 2013 the Supreme Court of India issued a notice that the ambassador of the following country shall not leave India without the permission of the Supreme Court.

- (a) Germany
- (b) Maldives
- (c) Italy
- (d) Nepal

Ans: [c]

Q288. The Constitution (One Hundred Seventeenth Amendment) Bill, 2012 makes provisions regarding

- (a) reservation in matters of promotions for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
- (b) reservation in matters of appointments for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
- (c) reservation in matters of appointments and promotions for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
- (d) none of the above.

Ans: [a]

Q289. The number of High Courts in India is

- (a) 18.
- (b) 24.
- (c) 21.
- (d) 28.

Ans: [b]

Q290. The last British Emperor of India was

- (a) King George I
- (b) King George III
- (c) King George V
- (d) King George VI

Ans: [d]

Q291. Palaeolithic period is also known as

- (a) Mesolithic Age.
- (b) Late Stone Age.
- (c) Old Stone Age.
- (d) Neolithic Age.

Ans: [c]

Q292. Capital of India was transferred from Calcutta to Delhi in the year _____.

- (a) 1901
- (b) 1911
- (c) 1921
- (d) 1922

Ans: [b]

Q293. The chairman of Fundamental Rights Subcommittee of the Constituent Assembly was

- (a) Dr Rajendra Prasad.
- (b) Dr B. R. Ambedkar.
- (c) Pt Jawaharlal Nehru.
- (d) J. B Kripalani.

Ans: [d]

Q294. The Environment Protection Act was passed by the Parliament of India in the year

- (a) 1976.
- (b) 1986.
- (c) 1996.
- (d) 2006.

Ans: [b]

Q295. International Year of Biodiversity is/was/will be

- (a) 2010.
- (b) 2011.
- (c) 2012.
- (d) 2014.

Ans: [a]

Q296. The first Shaka king in India was

- (a) Rudradaman.
- (b) Menadar.
- (c) Maues.
- (d) Damanrudra.

Ans: [c]

Q297. Potential energy is described by the expression

- (a) PE = mgh.
- (b) PE = ngh.
- (c) PE = oph.
- (d) PE = pph.

Ans: [a]

Q298. Where was 16th NAM Summit held?

- (a) Tehran
- (b) Mehran
- (c) Turban
- (d) Baghdad

Ans: [a]

Q299. Which of the following Judges of the Supreme Court of India is famously known as the 'Green Judge'?

- (a) Justice VR Krishna Iyyar
- (b) Justice PN Bhagwati
- (c) Justice Kuldip Singh
- (d) Justice BN Kirpal

Ans: [c]

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Q300. Law Day is observed on:

- (a) 26th January
- (b) 26th May
- (c) 15th August
- (d) 26th November

Ans: [d]

Q301. In which year, Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) was formed by the amalgamation of the Technical Development Establishment (TDE) of the Indian Army and the Directorate of Technical Development & Production (DTDP) with the Defence Science Organisation (DSO):

- (a) 1955
- (b) 1958
- (c) 1959
- (d) 1963

Ans: [b]

Q302. The Reserve Bank of India was established in the year:

- (a) 1858
- (b) 1935
- (c) 1947
- (d) 1950

Ans: [b]

Q303. Lord Buddha's image is sometimes shown with the hand gesture, called 'Bhumisparsha Mudra'. It signifies:

- (a) Buddha's calling of the Earth to watch over Mara and to prevent Mara from disturbing his meditation.
- (b) Buddha's calling of the Earth to witness his purity and chastity despite the temptations of Mara.
- (c) The gesture of debate or discussion/ argument.
- (d) **Both**

Ans: [d]

Q304. Which of the following statement is **INCORRECT** about Fundamental Duties under the Constitution of India? It shall be the duty of every citizen of India —

- (a) To uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India.
- (b) To strive towards excellence rises in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement.
- (c) Who is a parent or guardian to provide opportunities for education to his child or, as the case may be, ward between the age of six fourteen years.
- (d) To vote in public elections.

Ans: [d]

Q305. Which one of the following scripts of ancient India was mostly written from right to left?

- (a) Nandnagari
- (b) Brahmi
- (c) Kharoshti
- (d) Sharada

Ans: [c]

Q306. During the time of which Mughal Emperor did the East India Company establish its first factory in India?

- (a) Akbar
- (b) Jahangir
- (c) Shahjahan
- (d) Aurangzeb

Ans: [b]

Q307. Who, among the following, first translated the Bhagwat Gita into English?

- (a) Charles Wilkins
- (b) Alexander Cunningham
- (c) William Jones
- (d) James Prinsep

Ans: [a]

Q308. Match List I with II and select the correct answer using the codes gives below the lists: List I (Author) List II (Work) a Devaki Nandan Khatri 1 Chandrakanta b Premchand 2 Durgeshnandini c Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay 3 Nil Darpan 4 Seva Sadan Codes:

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

Ans: [d]

Q309. Match List I with II and select the correct answer using the codes gives below the lists: List I (Person) List II (Position) a Nagendra Singh 1 Chief Election Commissioner of India b SH Kapadia 2 President of the International Court of Justice c NR Madhava Menon 3 Former Chief Justice of India d VS Sampath 4 Legal educator and Founder-Director of National Law School of India University Codes:

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

Ans: [d]

Q310. Who was not a Chief Justice of India?

- (a) Justice M Patanjali Sastri
- (b) Justice KN Wanchoo
- (c) Justice HR Khanna
- (d) Justice MN Venkatachaliah

Ans: [c]

Q311. Who was the first Attorney-General for India?

- (a) CK Daphtary
- (b) MC Setalvad
- (c) Niren De
- (d) LN Sinha

Ans: [b]

Q312. Under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, the Civil Disobedience Movement, launched in 1930, started from?

- (a) Sabarmati
- (b) Dandi
- (c) Sevagram
- (d) Champaran

Ans: [a]

Q313. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: List I (Events) List II (Results) a Dandi March 1 Communal electorate b Chauri Chaura 2 Illegal manufacture of salt c Simon Commission 3 Country-wise agitation d Morley Minto Reforms 4 Withdrawal of a movement Codes:

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

Ans: [c]

Q314. Which of the following planets has the maximum number of natural satellites?

- (a) Earth
- (b) Mars
- (c) Jupiter
- (d) Saturn

Ans: [c]

Q315. In India, the interest rate on savings accounts in all the nationalised commercial banks is fixed by?

- (a) Union Ministry of Finance
- (b) Union Finance Commission
- (c) Indian Banks' Association
- (d) None of the above

Ans: [d]

Q316. Solvents are the substances used to dissolve other substances. Consider the following substances: (1) Water (2) Ether (3) Toluene (4) Chloroform (5) Ethanol Which of the above can be used as solvents?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 2 and 3
- (c) 3, 4 and 5
- (d) All of these

Ans: [d]

Q317. Viruses are parasitic, having DNA/RNA; but, they can be crystallised and lack respiration. Therefore, they are treated as:

- (a) Living beings
- (b) Non-living beings
- (c) **Both** living and non-living beings
- (d) None of the above

Ans: [c]

Q318. Who is the winner of the coveted Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2013?

- (a) Javed Akhtar
- (b) Gulzar
- (c) AR Rahman
- (d) Indeevar

Ans: [b]

Q319. Who among the following has been recently appointed as brand ambassador for Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF):

- (a) Aamir Khan
- (b) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- (c) MC Mary Kom
- (d) Sania Mirza

Ans: [c]

Q320. Till date (2014), how many people have been awarded the Bharat Ratna Award?

- (a) 40
- (b) 41
- (c) 42
- (d) 43

Ans: [d]

Q321. Which country Malala Yousafzai belongs to?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Afghanistan
- (c) The USA
- (d) England

Ans: [a]

Q322. Who recently became the first woman chief of the State Bank of India?

- (a) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- (b) Shubhalakshmi Panse
- (c) Vijaylakshmi Iyer
- (d) Chanda Kochhar

Ans: [a]

Q323. Who is the Chairman of the 14th Finance Commission?

- (a) Dr M Govinda Rao
- (b) Dr Vijay Kelkar

- (c) Dr YV Reddy
- (d) Dr Raghuram Rajan

Ans: [c]

Q324. The Chairperson of the Seventh Pay Commission is:

- (a) Justice BN Srikrishna
- (b) Justice DK Jain
- (c) Justice AP Shah
- (d) Justice AK Mathur

Ans: [d]

Q325. Which one of the following is NOT correctly matched? United Nations Specialized Agency Headquarters

- (a) International Civil Aviation Organization Montreal
- (b) World Trade Organization Geneva
- (c) United Nations Industrial Development Organization Brussels
- (d) International Fund for Agricultural Development Rome

Ans: [c]

Q326. The First Five Year Plan of India was based on:

- (a) John W Miller Model
- (b) PC Mahalanobis Model
- (c) Gadgil Yojana
- (d) Herrod-Domar Model

Ans: [d]

Q327. Which one of the following measures is NOT likely to aid in improving India's balance of payment position?

- (a) Promotion of import substitution policy
- (b) Devaluation of rupee
- (c) Imposition of higher tariff on imports
- (d) Levying the higher duty on exports

Ans: [d]

Q328. Find out the correct chronological sequence of the following persons' visit to India at one time or another: (1) Fa-Hien (2) I-Tsing (Yijing) (3) Megasthenes (4) Hiuen-Tsang.

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

Ans: [c]

Q329. Which was the first newspaper to be published in India?

- (a) Bombay Samachar
- (b) The Hindu
- (c) Bengal Chronicle
- (d) Bengal Gazette

Ans: [d]

Q330. The change in the colour of stars is linked to:

- (a) Variation in their surface temperature
- (b) Variation in their distance from the earth
- (c) Fluctuations in their composition and size
- (d) Irregular absorption or scattering in earth's atmosphere

Ans: [a]

Q331. Which one of the following does NOT remain to be a planet now?

- (a) Neptune

- (b) Uranus
- (c) Pluto
- (d) Venus

Ans: [c]

Q332. Who was appointed as the 23rd Governor of the Reserve Bank of India?

- (a) KC Chakrabarty
- (b) Urijit Patel
- (c) Raghuram Rajan
- (d) D Subbarao

Ans: [c]

Q333. Which one of the following offices is held during the pleasure of the President of India?

- (a) Vice-President
- (b) Governor of a State
- (c) Chief Justice of India
- (d) Comptroller and Auditor General of India

Ans: [b]

Q334. Who was the first winner of the prestigious Jnanpith Award?

- (a) Tarasankar Bandyopadhyay
- (b) Kuppali Venkatappagowda Puttappa
- (c) G Sankara Kurup
- (d) Umashankar Joshi

Ans: [c]

Q335. Match List I with List II and choose the correct answer: List I List II (1) Surgery (2) Drama (3) Astronomy (4) Mathematics Codes: **(a)** Visakhadatta **(b)** Varahamihira **(c)** Sushruta **(d)** Brahmagupta

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

Ans: [c]

Q336. Who was among the following honoured with Arjun Award in Chess for the year 2013?

- (a) Kavita Chahal
- (b) Parimarjan Negi
- (c) Ronjan Sodhi
- (d) Abhijeet Gupta

Ans: [d]

Q337. Economic growth rate projected by the IMF for India in the fiscal year 2014–15 is:

- (a) 5.4 per cent
- (b) 5.5 per cent
- (c) 5.6 per cent
- (d) 5.7 per cent

Ans: [a]

Q338. Who was sworn in as the Prime Minister of Italy on 22nd February 2014?

- (a) Oleksandr Turchynov
- (b) Matteo Renzi
- (c) Enrico Letta
- (d) Giorgio Napolitano

Ans: [b]

Q339. Which one of the following is the highest peacetime gallantry award of India?

- (a) Param Vir Chakra
- (b) Ashok Chakra
- (c) Maha Vir Chakra
- (d) Kirti Chakra

Ans: [b]

Q340. Which one of the following gases is lighter than air?

- (a) Carbon dioxide
- (b) Chlorine
- (c) Oxygen
- (d) Hydrogen

Ans: [d]

Q341. Name the scientist who is known as the father of modern genetics:

- (a) Jean-Baptiste Lamarck
- (b) Hugo de Vries
- (c) Gregor Johann Mendel
- (d) Charles Darwin

Ans: [c]

Q342. Which year was designated by the United Nations as International Women's Year?

- (a) 1974
- (b) 1975
- (c) 1976
- (d) 1977

Ans: [b]

Q343. Mention the correct abbreviation for ATM:

- (a) Automated Teller Machine
- (b) Any Time Money
- (c) All Time Money
- (d) Auto-limited Teller Machine

Ans: [a]

Q344. General Election is being held in India from 7 April to 12 May 2014 to constitute:

- (a) 14th Lok Sabha
- (b) 15th Lok Sabha
- (c) 16th Lok Sabha
- (d) 17th Lok Sabha

Ans: [c]

Q345. Mention the name of the current Chief Justice of India:

- (a) Justice Altamas Kabir
- (b) Justice P Sathasivam
- (c) Justice R M Lodha
- (d) Justice H L Dattu

Ans: [c]

Q346. The 9th Ministerial Conference of the WTO, held during 3 December-6 December 2013, was concluded at:

- (a) Geneva, Switzerland
- (b) Kaula Lumpur, Malaysia
- (c) Warsaw, Poland
- (d) Bali, Indonesia

Ans: [d]

Q347. Nobel Prize in Literature for the year 2013 was awarded to:

- (a) Mo Yan
 - (b) James E Rothman
 - (c) Lars Peter Hansen
 - (d) Alice Munro
- Ans: [d]

Q348. Which one of the following satellites was successfully launched by the ISRO's Polar satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C24) on 4th April 2014?

- (a) IRNSS-1B
- (b) GSAT-14
- (c) INSAT-3D
- (d) SARAL

Ans: [a]

Q349. Attukal Pongal festival, which is figured in Guinness Book of World Records is celebrated in

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Goa

Ans: [b]

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Q350. In February 2015, which Indian Cricket legend has been inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame?

- (a) Rahul Dravid
- (b) Anil Kumble
- (c) Sachin Tendulkar
- (d) Mohammad Azharuddin

Ans: [b]

Q351. Which of the following Acts formally introduced the principle of elections for the first time?

- (a) The Indian Council Act, 1909
- (b) The Government of India Act, 1919
- (c) The Government of India Act, 1935
- (d) India's Independence Act, 1947

Ans: [a]

Q352. IRCTC has recently launched a new service called 'RuPay Prepaid Cards' which enables passengers to book their tickets, do shopping and pay service bills online. This service was launched in collaboration with which bank?

- (a) Union Bank of India
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) IICI Bank
- (d) Bharatiya Mahila Bank

Ans: [a]

Q353. Garuda Shakti-III is the military exercise between India and which country?

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Russia
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) China

Ans: [c]

Q354. Match List-I with List-II and select the best option using the code given below the lists: List-I (Organization/Centers) List-II (Locations) A. High Altitude Warfare School 1. Chennai B. Indian Air force Training Center 2. Gulmarg C. National Defense College 3. New Delhi D. Institute of National Integration 4. Pune

- (a) A-2, B-1, C-3, D-4
- (b) A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4
- (c) A-1, B-2, C-4, D-3
- (d) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3

Ans: [a]

Q355. Name India's Beyond Visual Range (BVR) Air-to-Air missile which was successfully test fired on 19 March 2015 from a Sukhoi-30 fighter aircraft?

- (a) Astra
- (b) K-100
- (c) Mitra
- (d) Tejas

Ans: [a]

Q356. The ISRO has developed a 'Flood Hazard Atlas' by mapping flood prone and vulnerable areas in which state?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Assam
- (d) Tripura

Ans: [c]

Q357. Which South East Asian Country has recently banned surrogacy service to end its flourishing rent-a-womb industry?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Laos
- (c) Thailand
- (d) Vietnam

Ans: [c]

Q358. Which of the following is the oldest share market in India?

- (a) Bombay
- (b) Madras
- (c) Calcutta
- (d) Delhi

Ans: [a]

Q359. The name of new Andhra Pradesh Capital is likely to be

- (a) Amaravathi
- (b) Badrachala
- (c) Krishna Nagar
- (d) Varshavathi

Ans: [a]

Q360. The Ufa city, where annual BRICKS summit-2015 is scheduled to be held, is in which country?

- (a) China
- (b) Russia
- (c) South Africa
- (d) Brazil

Ans: [b]

Q361. The 'Ease of Doing Business Index' is prepared and published by ...

- (a) World Trade Organization
 - (b) World Bank Group
 - (c) United Nations
 - (d) European Union
- Ans: [b]

Q362. Prime Minister Modi has launched the 'Give It Up' campaign for voluntarily giving up

- (a) Use of tobacco products
- (b) LPG subsidy
- (c) Use of incandescent bulbs
- (d) Use of plastics

Ans: [b]

Q363. Which one of the following Railway Zones and the corresponding Headquarter pairs is not correctly matched?

- (a) North Eastern Railway: Gorakhpur
- (b) South Eastern Railway: Bhubaneswar
- (c) Eastern Railway: Kolkata
- (d) South East Central Railway: Bilaspur

Ans: [b]

Q364. Which among the following is the world's largest e-commerce company?

- (a) Amazon
- (b) eBay
- (c) Alibaba
- (d) Flipkart

Ans: [a]

Q365. Which committee was constituted by RBI to review governance of boards of banks in India?

- (a) P J Nayak Committee
- (b) H R Khan Committee
- (c) Harsh Vardhan Committee
- (d) K Subramanian Committee

Ans: [a]

Q366. The recently announced Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana aims to boost ____?

- (a) Organic Farming
- (b) Drip Irrigation
- (c) Horticulture crops
- (d) Vegetable production

Ans: [a]

Q367. The winner of 2015 Malaysian Grand Prix is ____?

- (a) Sebastian Vettel
- (b) Kimi Rikkonen
- (c) Lewis Hamilton
- (d) Jenson Button

Ans: [a]

Q368. Which one of the following is essentially a solo dance nowadays performed in group as well?

- (a) Kuchipudi
- (b) Kathak
- (c) Manipuri
- (d) Mohiniattam

Ans: [d]

Q369. Who among the following was the author of Rajtarangini, commonly regarded as the first genuine history of India written by an Indian?

- (a) Banbhatta
- (b) Ravikitri
- (c) Pushpanada
- (d) Kalhana

Ans: [d]

Q370. Name the golfer who won the Indian Open title on 22 February 2015?

- (a) SSP Chowrasia
- (b) Anirban Lahiri
- (c) Siddikur Rahman
- (d) Daniel Chopra

Ans: [b]

Q371. Which space agency has successfully launched the world's first all electric satellites in March 2015?

- (a) Russia Federal Space Agency
- (b) China National Space Administration
- (c) SpaceX
- (d) European Space Agency

Ans: [c]

Q372. Who among the following 18th century Indian rulers has been called 'Plato of his tribe'?

- (a) Sawai Jai Singh
- (b) Badam Singh
- (c) Suraj Mal
- (d) Guru Gobind Singh

Ans: [c]

Q373. Bhalchandra Nemade who has been selected for the 50th Jnanpith Award 2014, on 6 February 2015, is a famous writer in which language?

- (a) Marathi
- (b) Oriya
- (c) Malayalam
- (d) Urdu

Ans: [a]

Q374. A Snickometer is associated with which sports?

- (a) Tennis
- (b) Cricket
- (c) Hockey
- (d) Football

Ans: [b]

Q375. Which of the following is incorrect option?

- (a) Within the Arctic and Antarctic Circles, there is at least one day in the year during which sun does not set and at least one day on which it never rises.
- (b) At the north Pole, there is darkness for half the year.
- (c) At the summer solstice, the sun shines vertically over the Tropic of Capricorn.
- (d) The sun shines vertically over the Equator twice in the year.

Ans: [c]

Q376. What is the correct sequence of the following movements in chronological order? 1. Civil Disobedience Movement 2. Khilafat Movement 3. Home Rule Movement 4. Quit India Movement

- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4
 - (b) 4, 3, 2, 1
 - (c) 3, 2, 1, 4
 - (d) 2, 4, 1, 3
- Ans: [c]

Q377. Recently, which country became the first member country to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to submit its action plan on Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC)

- (a) India
- (b) Switzerland
- (c) Australia
- (d) Singapore

Ans: [b]

Q378. Lysosomes, which are known as suicide bags, are produced by which organelle?

- (a) Mitochondria
- (b) Golgi body
- (c) Ribosome
- (d) Peroxisome

Ans: [b]

Q379. Which is the single policy rate to unambiguously signal the stance of monetary policy as recently recommended by RBI?

- (a) PLR
- (b) Repo
- (c) Bank
- (d) CLR

Ans: [b]

Q380. Which city has become India's first fully WiFi-enabled metro city on 5 February 2015?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Delhi

Ans: [b]

Q381. Who among the following is India's first chief of Cyber Security?

- (a) B. J. Srinath
- (b) Gulshan Rai
- (c) A. S. Kamble
- (d) Amardeep S. Chawla

Ans: [b]

Q382. Which one of the following is the online grievances monitoring portals launched by union government for Indians living abroad?

- (a) Madad
- (b) Sankalp
- (c) Mythri
- (d) Rakshan

Ans: [a]

Q383. Which of the following is a Direct Tax?

- (a) Excise duty
- (b) Sales tax
- (c) Income tax
- (d) None of the above

Ans: [c]

Q384. Indian Space Research Organisation was recently conferred 'Space Pioneer Award' by the National Space Society (NSS) of which country over the historic feat on successfully sending an orbit to Martian atmosphere in its very first attempt?

- (a) France
- (b) European Union
- (c) China
- (d) USA

Ans: [d]

Q385. Recently in which country did Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi inaugurate the first of the eight Coastal Surveillance Radar Systems (CSRS) being set up by India?

- (a) Mauritius
- (b) Maldives
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Seychelles

Ans: [d]

Q386. Greece and Turkey are working to resolve their dispute over sovereignty and related rights in the area of which sea?

- (a) Black Sea
- (b) Sea of Marma
- (c) Aegean Sea
- (d) Mediterranean Sea

Ans: [c]

Q387. Name the Indian industrialist on whose 175th birth anniversary, Union government launched the commemorative stamp on 6 January 2015?

- (a) G D Birla
- (b) T V Sundaram Iyengar
- (c) Kasturbhai Lalbhai
- (d) Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata

Ans: [d]

Q388. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

- (a) Kunal Bahl & Rohit Bansal – Snapdeal
- (b) Sachin Bansal & Binny Bansal – Red Bus
- (c) Deepinder Goyal & Pankaj Chaddah – Zomato
- (d) Bhavish Aggarwal & Ankit Bhati – Ola Cab

Ans: [b]

Q389. Which state is to host the 36th National Games in 2016?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Goa
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Telangana

Ans: [b]

Q390. Project Varsha, India's new naval base under construction, is near which of the following cities?

- (a) Kochi
- (b) Karwar
- (c) Visakhapatnam
- (d) Chennai

Ans: [c]

Q391. Young Indian shuttler K. Srikanth on 15 March 2015 won which of the following major badminton championship?

- (a) China Grand Prix Gold
- (b) Australian Grand Prix Gold
- (c) Swiss Grand Prix Gold
- (d) Indonesian Grand Prix Gold

Ans: [c]

Q392. What is the name given to the dedicated TV channel for farmers that was announced in the Union Budget for 2014-15 and Rs. 100 crore was set aside for its establishment?

- (a) Kisan
- (b) Farmers Show
- (c) Krishi Channel
- (d) None of the above

Ans: [a]

Q393. The 'Friends for Life' – an elephant conservation project has been launched by World Wide Fund for Nature India and

- (a) Aditya Birla Group
- (b) Muthoot Group
- (c) Manapuram Group
- (d) Reliance Ltd

Ans: [b]

Q394. The National Industrial Corridor (NIC) that was proposed to be established in the Union Budget of 2014-15, will have its headquarters at which city?

- (a) Pune
- (b) Bhubaneswar
- (c) Bangalore
- (d) Hyderabad

Ans: [a]

Q395. President Pranab Mukherjee on 6 January 2015 signed the ordinance to amend Citizenship Act, 1955. Which of the statements in this regard is/are right? **I.** The ordinance exempts Person of Indian Origin (PIO) from appearing before the local police station on every visit. **II.** It replaced the clause that says foreigners marrying Indians must continuously stay in the country for a period of six months before they get an Indian citizenship

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) **Both I and II**
- (d) **Neither I nor II**

Ans: [a]

Q396. Name the renowned Indian ecologist who has been chosen for the prestigious 2015 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement on 23 March 2015?

- (a) MS Swaminathan
- (b) Kasthuri Rangan
- (c) Jayaram Ramesh
- (d) Madhav Gadgil

Ans: [d]

Q397. How much Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in country's defence sector was proposed in the Union Budget 2014-15 presented on 10 July 2014?

- (a) 51%

- (b) 49%
- (c) 29%
- (d) 10%

Ans: [b]

Q398. The protein CA-125 (Cancer Antigen-125) is used as biomarker for detection of which type of cancer?

- (a) Ovarian cancer
- (b) Bone cancer
- (c) Lung cancer
- (d) Oral cancer

Ans: [a]