

Earlier the XLRI entrance had a bias towards questions from Labour Laws, Industrial Acts etc but now particularly over the past two years the GK asked is all encompassing. The GK Section is not very focused in terms of the area of questioning, and includes a variety of questions from History, Geography, Science and Technology, Economics, Current Affairs, Books and Authors etc.

You must ensure that a lot of time is spent on reading newspapers and magazines to keep yourself updated on the latest happenings. A lot of questions on the current affairs and business awareness can be from the happenings since June-July 2004. Carefully scan all the previous issues of PrepTalk provided to you all. In the PrepTalk mega issue we have provided 500 GK questions that will help you a lot with your GK preparation.

We have provided some of the questions that have been asked in XAT over the past few years. These questions have been collected from the students and PT faculty members appearing for these tests purely on the basis of memory. **Also to help you judge your competency in General Knowledge, a set of practice questions with answers has been provided towards the end.**

## XAT 2004

1. Which wind flows in Alps Mountain?
2. Who was the first woman prime minister of the world?
3. In the delta of which two rivers is the Chilka lake located?
4. Who is the Creator of the Pentium chip?
5. Which document was drafted on 26 November 1949?
6. How was the League of Nation was formed?
7. Who invented Pentium computer?
8. Who was the Vanguard in the American consumer rights movements?
9. Where was the NAM summit held in 2003?
10. Which was the first charter that gave rights to people?
11. Which is India's largest Sulphur producing state?
12. Which of the following Indian states does not produce rice?
13. Which river passes through rift valley?
14. What is India's major contribution in the middle ages?
15. In which sector has India seen maximum growth?
16. Fa Hien visited during which dynasty?
17. Galileo is associated with which phenomenon?
18. The 44th amendment led to the deletion of which right?
19. Who is known as the father of history?
20. Statement I : Graphite is formed from coal through thermal metamorphosis.  
Statement II : Gypsum is a sedimentary rock.  
(1) Only I  
(2) Only II  
(3) Both I & II  
(4) Neither I, nor II
21. What is the electric field inside a conductor?
22. What did 'City of god', written by Saint Augustin deal with?

23. What was the first documented code of conduct written for human beings?
24. Through which country does the tropic of cancer does not pass?  
(1) Yemen           (2) Oman           (3) Egypt           (4) Mexico
25. Which is the biggest imaginary line revolving the earth?  
(1) Tropic of cancer  
(2) Tropic of Capricorn  
(3) Equator  
(4) Arctic circle
27. "Fallacy of business run by only one objective". What does this statement emphasize?
28. "Corporate governance" – what does the term mean?

### **XAT 2003**

1. Which is the oldest capital city of the world? (Rome, Damascus, London, Jerusalem)
2. What was the growth rate of exports in Computer hardware (in dollar terms) last year?
3. What is the literacy rate of India according to the 2001 Census?
4. Which Indian was the first to receive the Nobel Prize? (RNT, CV Raman, ..)
5. What is HAMAS? (Terrorist organization, ...)
6. What does NAFTA stands for?
7. Which of the following is the first woman to appear on the stamps? (Rani Lakshmi Bai, Razia Sultan, Indira Gandhi, .)
8. Which treaty deals with the rules governing the conduct with prisoners of war? (Geneva Convention, Treaty of Versailles, Zurich Convention, .)
9. The International Monetary Fund was formed at which conference? (Bretton Woods Conference, Seattle Conference, Vienna conference)
10. What does the Sharada Act deal with? (Child Marriages, Abolition of dowry, ..)
11. What is Amnesty International?
12. What is the literacy rate amongst females according to the 2001 Census?
13. Which was the first black American to win the Nobel Prize?
14. In which of his book did Dadabhai Naoroji expounded the concept of 'Drain of Wealth from India'?
15. What was the reason for the success of Industrial Revolution in Britain? (Drain of wealth from India, the famine in India, Death of the cottage industry, .)
16. Which is the last country that joined the UN? (Iran, East Timor, Indonesia, Switzerland)
17. Which of the following companies got the Outstanding Pool of Knowledge Award in Asia? (IIT Delhi, Infosys, Wipro, IIM Ahmedabad)
18. What is the combination of a PDA and a cellular phone called? (Cell phone, Mobile phone, Smart phone, .)
19. Which is the longest mountain range in the world? (Andes, Pir Panjal, Himalayas, Hindukush)

### **XAT 2002**

1. When was planning commission constituted?
2. When was Nobel Prize for economics started?
3. Why do clouds float?
4. What is the definition of Inflation?
5. When did China enter the WTO?
6. Is Panchayati Raj a three-tier system?
7. Who is the U.S. Ambassador to India ?
8. Where was the WTO ministerial conference held in 2001?
9. What is the number of judges in International court of justice?
10. Name the author who didn't influence Gandhi much?
11. Who gave the title 'Sardar' to Vallabh Bhai Patel?
12. What was the effect of Vedas on the Indian civilization?
13. Which river is mentioned most in the Vedas?

14. What is the cause of Goiter?
15. When was the first solar eclipse recorded in India?
16. Which country is called the 'Sugar Bowl of the world'?
17. Which country is India's largest foreign trade partner?
18. If a refrigerator door is kept open, what would be the effect on the room temperature?
19. A glass tumbler is filled with water and contains some ice. If the ice melts what would the impact be on the water level?
20. What is Maastricht Treaty?
21. Where are Cryogenic engines used?
22. What is 'Garuda'?
23. Which Indian state has the maximum forest cover?
24. Which Indian state has the maximum well-irrigated area?
25. Which incident triggered the Quit India Movement?
26. Which company has the punchline 'Everyone's Invited'?
27. What is the cause of Green – House effect?
28. Which of the given taxes is not levied by the central government?

### **XAT 2001**

- Q1. Arrange in chronological order of state formation
  - (1) Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand
  - (2) Uttaranchal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh
  - (3) Jharkhand, Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh
  - (4) Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal
  
- Q2. Top management in a company is involved in:
  - (1) Supervising
  - (2) Controlling
  - (3) Planning
  - (4) Motivation
  
- Q3. "Physical attractiveness" results in:
  - (1) Jealousy in peers.
  - (2) Gives an impression that the person is wise, wealthy & good natured.
  - (3) Gives an impression that the person is dumb.
  - (4) None of these.
  
- Q4. Who measure National Income in India?
  - (1) CSO
  - (2) ISI
  - (3) CSI
  - (4) FCI
  
- Q5. By whom was Gitagovinda is written?
  - (1) Tulsi Das
  - (2) Ved Vyas
  - (3) Kabir Das
  - (4) None of these
  
- Q6. Who is the author of Madhusala?
  - (1) Harivanshrai Bacchan
  - (2) Maithali Sharan Gupt
  - (3) Tulsi Das
  - (4) None of these

- Q7. Who is the CEO of HLL?
- (1) Dadiseth
  - (2) Gurcharan Das
  - (3) S Banga
  - (4) Rajiv Kayal

### Sample Questions for your Reference

1. The special 301, clause of America pertains to
  - (1) TRIPS
  - (2) TRIMS
  - (3) MFA
  - (4) Agriculture Subsidies
2. Treasury Bills are
  - (1) long term liability of the govt.
  - (2) short term liability of the govt.
  - (3) both (1) and (2)
  - (4) None of the above
3. Indian Railways earns the maximum revenues from the
  - (1) passenger fare
  - (2) traffic tax
  - (3) freight charges
  - (4) sale of goods at platforms
4. SENSEX is related with the value of a few selected companies. The number of companies is
  - (1) 300
  - (2) 150
  - (3) 100
  - (4) 30
5. The main impact of Green Revolution was on
  - (1) Cereals
  - (2) Pulses
  - (3) Fruits
  - (4) All of these
6. Theosophical Society was founded by
  - (1) Madam Blatvasky
  - (2) Sister Nivedita
  - (3) A.O. Hume
  - (4) None of the above
7. The Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) in the Indian constitution are taken from the constitution of
  - (1) USA
  - (2) Canada
  - (3) Ireland
  - (4) Australia

8. The writ that safeguards personal freedom, is the writ of
  - (1) Habeas Corpus
  - (2) Mandamus
  - (3) Quo warranto
  - (4) Prohibition
  
9. Who is empowered to suspend fundamental right under certain circumstances?
  - (1) The President
  - (2) The Parliament
  - (3) The Council of Ministers
  - (4) The Prime Minister
  
10. Money Bills are introduced
  - (1) only in Rajya Sabha.
  - (2) only in Lok Sabha.
  - (3) Either house of parliament.
  - (4) Both the houses of Parliament Simultaneously.
  
11. World Environment Day is observed on
  - (1) June 11
  - (2) June 24
  - (3) June 2
  - (4) June 5
  
12. Sakhalin Island, Russia has acquired importance in the wake of its
  - (1) oil and natural gas deposits
  - (2) maximum biodiversity
  - (3) diamond deposits
  - (4) fossil sites , discovered recently.
  
13. The capital of Sudan, which witnessed the bloodiest of civil wars, is
  - (1) Gaborone
  - (2) Kingston
  - (3) Khartoum
  - (4) Monroria
  
14. 'The Fury' is written by
  - (1) Salman Rushdie
  - (2) Jean Paul Sartre
  - (3) Nelson Mandela
  - (4) John Bunyan
  
15. 'Dwikhandito' is the autobiography of
  - (1) Victor Banerjee
  - (2) Taslima Nasreen
  - (3) Satyajit Ray
  - (4) Mamta Banerjee
  
16. The first state in India to adopt Panchayati Raj is
  - (1) Rajasthan
  - (2) Madhya Pradesh
  - (3) Kerala
  - (4) Gujarat

17. The initiative for peace between which of the two countries is called as 'Sunshine policy'?
- (1) UK and Northern Ireland
  - (2) North and South Korea
  - (3) Uganda and Rwanda
  - (4) China and Taiwan
18. ABN Amro and State Bank of India were involved in establishing a feat on January 1, 1999. What was it?
- (1) First Euro transaction.
  - (2) First online transaction scam.
  - (3) Maximum export import related mutual transactions.
  - (4) Largest public private collaboration in banking history.
19. A government wishing to reduce the level of unemployment through the use of fiscal policy would be most likely to
- (1) cut the interest rates.
  - (2) encourage a depreciation of the exchange rate.
  - (3) boost the money supply by relaxing credit controls.
  - (4) increase the size of the budget deficit.
20. Which was the first Indian bank to open an international branch and where?
- (1) State Bank of India in New York
  - (2) Bank of India in London.
  - (3) Canara Bank in Paris.
  - (4) Indian Overseas Bank in Bahrain.
21. The canal built in 1869, which significantly reduced the distance and time of travel between Europe and Asia is
- (1) Panama canal
  - (2) Suez canal
  - (3) Gibraltar canal
  - (4) Nile canal
22. The human body's thermostat is the
- (1) Thyroid
  - (2) hypothalamus
  - (3) Medulla oblongata
  - (4) Skin
23. What is the more common name for a polymer of amino acids?
- (1) Enzyme
  - (2) Carbohydrate
  - (3) Protein
  - (4) Sugar
24. What is used to measure Luminous Intensity?
- (1) Luxmeter
  - (2) Carbon Film Reflector
  - (3) Luminometer
  - (4) Thermostat
25. RDX stands for
- (1) Radio Detonating Explosive
  - (2) Remote Detonating Explosive
  - (3) Rapid Development Explosive
  - (4) Research Department Explosive

26. The process of repairing environmental damage to a site is termed as
- (1) remediation
  - (2) rezoning
  - (3) reparation
  - (4) redactilization
27. The first Indian actor to be on the international jury of cones film festival is
- (1) Shabana Azmi
  - (2) Aishwarya Rai
  - (3) Juhi Chawla
  - (4) Madhuri Dixit
28. A curve showing the proportion of income earned by a cumulative percentage of the population, thus illustrating the income distribution of a country, is
- (1) Lorenz curve
  - (2) Laffer curve
  - (3) Indifference curve
  - (4) Griffins curve
29. Which company's ad line was 'Geography is History'?
- (1) Iridium
  - (2) IBM
  - (3) Discovery channel
  - (4) National Geographic channel
30. 'Life is One Incredible Journey' is the punch line of
- (1) Mahindra club holidays
  - (2) Nature
  - (3) Outlook traveler
  - (4) Thomos cook
31. Bobby Jindal become second Indian American to be elected to US congress from the state of
- (1) Florida
  - (2) California
  - (3) Indiana
  - (4) Louisiana
32. Aamir Khan is the brand ambassador for
- (1) Titan
  - (2) HMT
  - (3) Citizen
  - (4) Swatch
33. In India, the continuous planning based on yearly assessment with the view of the targets of five-year plan is called
- (1) Annual plan
  - (2) Mini plans
  - (3) Rolling plan
  - (4) Incremental plan
34. Manohal Parrikar is the chief Minister of which state in India?
- (1) Arunanchal Pradesh
  - (2) Meghalaya
  - (3) Goa
  - (4) Orissa

35. An international agreement, which commits countries to protect the ozone layer by controlling the release of CFCs and halons, is
- (1) Montreal protocol
  - (2) Based convention
  - (3) Rotterdam Convention
  - (4) Convention on Biological Diversity
36. UN hailed this Bollywood film as major contribution in the battle against AIDS in India. The movie is
- (1) Bawandar
  - (2) Meenaxi
  - (3) Phir Milenge
  - (4) Morning Raga
37. 'Engaging India' Diplomacy, Democracy and the Bomb' is an account of India – US talks, post Pokharan and its written by
- (1) Jaswant Singh
  - (2) Strobe Talbott
  - (3) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
  - (4) Bill Clinton
38. Which Australian cricketer is brand ambassador of seagrams Royal stag?
- (1) Allan Border
  - (2) Shane Warne
  - (3) Ricky Ponting
  - (4) Glenn Mcgrath
40. The study of production of better offspring's by the careful selection of parents is known as
- (1) Eugenics
  - (2) Cytology
  - (3) Genecology
  - (4) Genealogy
41. VAT stand for
- (1) Vision Added Trade
  - (2) Value Added Tax
  - (3) Value Aborted Tax
  - (4) Value Achievement Tax
42. 'We learn from History that we learn nothing from History' is a quote by
- (1) Bertrand Russel
  - (2) George Bernard shaw
  - (3) Shakespeare
  - (4) Socrates
43. 'Half Nelson'; Rebut, Scissor all the terms associated with the sport of
- (1) Rugby
  - (2) Hockey
  - (3) Wrestling
  - (4) Golf
44. 'Ice Hockey' is the national sport of
- (1) USA
  - (2) Canada
  - (3) Norway
  - (4) Russia



45. The new states of Jharkhand Chattsgarh and Uttaranchal were created by which amendment to the Indian Constitution?
- (1) 84<sup>th</sup>
  - (2) 85<sup>th</sup>
  - (3) 73<sup>rd</sup>
  - (4) 74<sup>th</sup>
46. The first Vice President of India was
- (1) Rajendra Prasad
  - (2) Zakir Hussain
  - (3) V V Giri
  - (4) S Radhakrishnan
47. PERT stands for
- (1) Project Expenditure and Review Team
  - (2) Pooling Expenditures and Rolling Together
  - (3) Project Evaluation and Review Technique
  - (4) Pure, Efficient, Reliable Technique
48. Aizwal is capital of
- (1) Mizoram
  - (2) Meghalaya
  - (3) Manipur
  - (4) Tripura
49. Nava Sheva is India's ultra modern seaport off the cost of
- (1) Trivendrum
  - (2) Calcutta
  - (3) Goa
  - (4) Mumbai
50. 'Poverty and Un-British Rule in India' was written by
- (1) Rajendra Prasad
  - (2) Dadabhai Naoroji
  - (3) J L Nehru
  - (4) J P Narayan

### Answers Key

1.(1)	2.(2)	3.(3)	4.(4)	5.(1)	6.(1)	7.(3)	8.(1)	9.(1)	10.(2)
11.(4)	12.(1)	13.(3)	14.(1)	15.(2)	16.(1)	17.(1)	18.(1)	19.(4)	20.(2)
21.(2)	22.(2)	23.(3)	24.(1)	25.(4)	26.(1)	27.(2)	28.(1)	29.(1)	30.(3)
31.(4)	32.(1)	33.(3)	34.(3)	35.(1)	36.(3)	37.(2)	38.(3)	39.(2)	40.(1)
41.(2)	42.(2)	43.(3)	44.(2)	45.(1)	46.(4)	47.(3)	48.(1)	49.(4)	50.(2)