

GENERAL AWARENESS

1. Which country's senate voted to remove President Fernando Lugo from office in an impeachment trial in June 2012? (He was replaced by Federico Franco)
1) Chile 2) Paraguay 3) Uruguay 4) Peru 5) Suriname
2. Fatou Bensouda became the first woman and the first African to head the team of prosecutors at the International Criminal Court (ICC), The Hague on June 15, 2012. She is a former Minister of Justice of which of the following countries?
1) Rwanda 2) Kenya 3) Gambia 4) Uganda 5) Nigeria
3. Didier Drogba played a part in an exhibition football match in India in June 2012. To which country does this footballer belong?
1) England 2) Argentina 3) Ghana 4) Ivory Coast 5) Egypt
4. Dr. Shanta Sinha was presented the Upendra Nath Brahma Soldier of Humanity Award in June 2012 by the Upendra Nath Brahma Trust in Guwahati. Shanta Sinha is the Chairperson of the?
1) National Commission for Women (NCW)
2) Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)
3) Children's Film Society India (CFSI)
4) National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) 5) None of these
5. DEPB is an export incentive scheme of the Indian Government provided to exporters in India. What is its full form?
1) Duty Enforcement and Promotion Board
2) Development, Export and Procurement Board
3) Duty Entitlement Pass Book
4) Development, Export and Procurement Bureau 5) None of these
6. What does the letter 'M' denote in the abbreviation MRTP, an act that has been repealed?
1) Market 2) Money 3) Minimum 4) Monopolies 5) Maximum

7. Which of the following does not come under secondary sector?

- 1) Manufacturing
- 2) Construction
- 3) Automotive Industry
- 4) Tourism
- 5) Textile Industry

8. Shivarama Karanth (1977), Girish Karnad (1998) and Chandrasekhar Kambar (2010) have received the Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honor, for writings in which of the following Indian languages?

- 1) Malayalam
- 2) Kannada
- 3) Tamil
- 4) Hindi
- 5) Sanskrit

9. More than 20 years after being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, which of the following leaders delivered Nobel Prize acceptance speech in Oslo, Norway in June 2012?

- 1) Nelson Mandela
- 2) Dalai Lama
- 3) Shirin Ebadi
- 4) Aung San Suu Kyi
- 5) Alva Myrdal

10. Daniel Hillel won the World Food Prize for 2012. He belongs to which of the following countries?

- 1) USA
- 2) UK
- 3) Israel
- 4) Norway
- 5) Sweden

11. The World Health Organization (WHO) has removed India from its list of Polio-endemic countries. Which three countries are now left on the endemic list?

- 1) Uganda, Sudan and South Sudan
- 2) Algeria, Rwanda and Kenya
- 3) Sudan, Afghanistan and Australia
- 4) Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria
- 5) None of these

12. According to the Asia-Pacific Regional Millennium Development Goals (MDG) report 2011-12, India has not done well in which of the following areas?

- 1) Improving the primary education enrolment rate
- 2) Promoting gender equality
- 3) Increasing forest cover
- 4) Bringing infant mortality down
- 5) Bringing down the tuberculosis prevalence rate

13. Which city hosted the India- European Union (EU) annual summit in February 2012?

- 1) Brussels (Belgium)
- 2) London (U.K.)
- 3) New Delhi (India)
- 4) Paris (France)
- 5) None of these

14. The Supreme Court declared the allocation of 2G spectrum by the UPA Government "illegal" and cancelled how many telecom licenses allotted on or after January 10, 2008? (The licenses had been allotted to 11 companies during the tenure of former Telecom Minister A. Raja)

- 1) 113
- 2) 122
- 3) 132
- 4) 112
- 5) 116

15. Which country has agreed to put a freeze on its nuclear programme in exchange for food assistance from the United States of America?

- 1) Iran
- 2) Syria
- 3) Venezuela
- 4) North Korea
- 5) Libya

16. Which two countries signed a non-aggression pact in February 2012? (The two sides had agreed to respect each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity?)

- 1) Iran and Iraq
- 2) North Korea and South Korea
- 3) Sudan and South Sudan
- 4) Afghanistan and Pakistan
- 5) Argentina and Great Britain

17. Waheed Hassan became the President of which of the following countries in February 2012?

- 1) Iran
- 2) Syria
- 3) Afghanistan
- 4) Egypt
- 5) Maldives

18. Who replaced Ali Abdullah Saleh as the President of Yemen in February 2012?

- 1) Ali Muhammad Mujawar
- 2) Mohammed Basindawa
- 3) Ali Salim Al-Beidh
- 4) Abd-Rabbuh Mansour Al-Hadi
- 5) Haidar Abu Bakr al- Attas

19. India's largest electricity producer National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) will supply 250 MW power to which of the following countries? (NTPC entered into the deal with this country through NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC, on February 28, 2012)

- 1) Myanmar 2) Pakistan 3) Bangladesh 4) Sri Lanka 5) Nepal

20. Sauli Niinisto assumed office as the 12th President of which of the following countries on March 1, 2012?

- 1) Denmark 2) Finland 3) Sweden 4) Norway 5) Netherlands

21. Who took over as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharati in February 2012?

- 1) B.S.Lalli 2) Rajiv Takru 3) Jawhar Sircar
4) Uday Kumar Varma 5) None of these

22. "In the Name of the People" is a collection of articles written and speeches delivered by which of the following former Presidents of India?

- 1) R.Venkatraman 2) A.P.J.Abdul Kalam
3) Shankar Dayal Sharma 4) K.R.Narayanan 5) Neelam Sanjiva Reddy

23. India has recently inducted Mi-17 V5 armed helicopters from which of the following countries to enhance its operational capabilities including carrying troops and cargo to high altitude areas?

- 1) France 2) Russia 3) UK 4) Italy 5) USA

24. The coveted G.D.Birla award for scientific research for 2011 was given to which of the following scientists? (G.D.Birla Award was instituted in 1991 by the K.K.Birla Foundation and given for Indian scientists who are below the age of 50 years.)

- 1) R.A.Mashelkar 2) Ashok Sen
3) Goverdhan Mehta 4) Tapas Kumar Kundu
5) Biman Bagchi

25. The 84th Academy Awards (Oscars) were presented in Los Angeles, USA on February 26, 2012. Identify the mismatched pair?
- 1) Best Picture-The Artist
 - 2) Best Actor- Jean Dujardin (The Artist)
 - 3) Best Actress- Octavia Spencer (The Help)
 - 4) Best Director- Michel Hazanavicius (The Artist)
 - 5) Best Supporting Actor-Christopher Plummer (Beginners)
26. Which of the following films won the Best Foreign Language Film at the 84th Academy Awards in 2012?
- 1) A Separation (Iran)
 - 2) Bullhead (Belgium)
 - 3) Footnote (Israel)
 - 4) In Darkness (Poland)
 - 5) None of these
27. Agnieszka Radwanska won the Dubai Tennis Championship and Sony Ericsson Open tennis title in 2012. She belongs to which of the following countries?
- 1) Russia
 - 2) Belarus
 - 3) Poland
 - 4) Slovakia
 - 5) Czech Republic
28. Which of the following cricket teams won the Duleep Trophy for the first time in Indore in 2012?
- 1) East Zone
 - 2) Central Zone
 - 3) South Zone
 - 4) West Zone
 - 5) North Zone
29. Which of the following batsmen hit a record 45-ball century, the fastest ever in Twenty20 Internationals recently?
- 1) Chris Gayle (West Indies)
 - 2) Brendon McCullum (New Zealand)
 - 3) Tilakaratne Dilshan (Sri Lanka)
 - 4) Richard Levi (South Africa)
 - 5) Suresh Raina (India)
30. Indian hockey team has qualified for the 2012 London Olympics by defeating which of the following countries in the final of the qualifying tournament in New Delhi?
- 1) Pakistan
 - 2) Germany
 - 3) Chile
 - 4) France
 - 5) South Africa
31. Which of the following countries is a member of G8?
- 1) Australia
 - 2) China
 - 3) Spain
 - 4) Brazil
 - 5) Canada

32. Federal Reserve is the central bank of which of the following countries?
 1) UK 2) Canada 3) Mexico 4) Russia 5) None of these
33. Which of the following banks was merged with the State Bank of India on August 26, 2010?
 1) State Bank of Saurashtra 2) State Bank of Indore 3) State Bank of Patiala
 4) State Bank of Mysore 5) State Bank of Travancore
34. Banking falls under which of the following sectors?
 1) Primary 2) Manufacturing 3) Industrial 4) Service 5) None of these
35. A savings bank account with zero or minimum balance is known as?
 1) Current Account 2) No Frills Account 3) Term Deposit Account
 4) Savings Bank Ordinary Account 5) Student Savings Bank Account
36. Which of the following Acts controls banking activities in India?
 1) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 2) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
 3) State Bank of India Act, 1955 4) NABARD Act, 1981 5) None of these
37. Which of the following banks has reappointed Shikha Sharma as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for a further period of three years with effect from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2015?
 1) ICICI 2) IndusInd 3) Axis 4) ING Vysya 5) Karur Vysya

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