

GENERAL AWARENESS

1. Which Indian-American won the Scripps National Spelling Bee competition in Maryland, USA, in June 2012? (This is the 5th consecutive win for Indian-Americans)
 - 1) Stuti Mishra
 - 2) Arvind Mahankali
 - 3) Snigdha Nandipati
 - 4) Vanya Shivshankar
 - 5) None of these
2. Who became the 25th Chief of the Indian Army on May 31, 2012?
 - 1) J.J.Singh
 - 2) Bikram Singh
 - 3) V.K.Singh
 - 4) Dalbir Singh Suhag
 - 5) None of these
3. Which country's Prime Minister was India's chief guest of honor at the 63rd Republic Day Parade on January 26, 2012?
 - 1) Cambodia
 - 2) Australia
 - 3) Bangladesh
 - 4) Thailand
 - 5) Russia
4. Which is India's highest peacetime gallantry award?
 - 1) Param Vir Chakra
 - 2) Maha Vir Chakra
 - 3) Ashok Chakra
 - 4) Kirti Chakra
 - 5) Shourya Chakra
5. The 10th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) conclave was held in Jaipur from January 7 to 9, 2012. Who was the chief guest for this conference?
 - 1) Lakshmi Nivas Mittal
 - 2) Datuk S.Subramaniam
 - 3) Yingluck Shinawatra
 - 4) Anand Satyanand
 - 5) Kamla Persad Bissessar
6. Which city hosted the 99th Indian Science Congress in January 2012?
 - 1) Chennai
 - 2) Pune
 - 3) New Delhi
 - 4) Bhubaneshwar
 - 5) Bangalore
7. According to a report on hunger and malnutrition (HUNGaMA), what percent of India's children are malnourished and underweight?
 - 1) 42
 - 2) 32
 - 3) 38
 - 4) 48
 - 5) 53
8. The proposed National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) will work as an integral part of which of the following agencies?
 - 1) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
 - 2) Intelligence Bureau (IB)
 - 3) National Investigation Agency (NIA)
 - 4) Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)
 - 5) National Security Guard (NSG)

9. India and Thailand have decided to develop a seaport at Dawei, earlier known as Tavoy. In which Asian country is this town located?
- 1) Thailand 2) Cambodia 3) Myanmar 4) Vietnam 5) Laos
10. Who is the defense secretary of the United States of America?
- 1) Leon Panetta 2) John Bryson 3) Tom Vilsack 4) Eric Holder 5) None of these
11. Nathpa Jhakri, India's largest hydroelectric project generated 7,610 million units of electricity in 2011-12 which is a record. In which state is this project located?
- 1) Assam 2) Arunachal Pradesh 3) West Bengal
4) Himachal Pradesh 5) None of these
12. Which state has instituted the Mallikarjun Mansur award?
- 1) Madhya Pradesh 2) Maharashtra 3) Odisha 4) Goa 5) Karnataka
13. Which state made Chess classes compulsory in schools to improve cognitive skills of students from this academic year? (Gujarat is the first state to start chess programmes in schools)
- 1) Andhra Pradesh 2) Tamil Nadu 3) Kerala 4) Bihar 5) Jharkhand
14. Who became the new President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in January 2012?
- 1) Naina Lal Kidwai 2) Sidharth Birla 3) R.V. Kanoria
4) Shikha Sharma 5) None of these
15. Homai Vyarawala passed away recently. She is India's first woman?
- 1) Jnanpith award winner 2) Photo journalist 3) Mountaineer
4) Cricketer 5) None of these
16. Which of the following is not a National Bravery Award?
- 1) Geeta Chopra Award 2) Sanjay Chopra Award
3) Bharat Award 4) Bapu Gaidhani Award
5) Chameli Devi Jain Award
17. Who was given the Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Peace and Reconciliation in Bodh Gaya in 2012?
- 1) Aung San Suu Kyi 2) Nelson Mandela 3) Dalai Lama
4) Ela Bhatt 5) Sheikh Hasina

26. Who among the following is not a woman squash player?
- 1) Joshna Chinappa 2) Dipika Pallikal 3) Anaka Alankamony
4) Aparajitha Balamurukan 5) Preeja Sreedharan
27. Which city hosted the Nuclear Security Summit in March 2012?
- 1) Washington D.C. 2) Perth 3) Seoul 4) Paris 5) None of these
28. India has voted against which of the following countries at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva for its alleged war crimes?
- 1) Sudan 2) North Korea 3) Rwanda 4) Sri Lanka 5) None of these
29. Who was chosen for the Saraswati Samman 2011 for his book on Ramayana? (This literary prize is awarded by the K.K. Birla Foundation)
- 1) Surjit Paatar 2) A.A.Manavalan 3) Lakshmi Nandan Bora
4) K.Ayyappa Panicker 5) Jagannath Prasad Das
30. In the Union Budget for 2012-13, how many crores of rupees are allocated for the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)?
- 1) 3,534 2) 5,615 3) 3,915 4) 2,914 5) 4,535
31. Which of the following Cups/Trophies is associated with Lawn tennis?
- 1) Santosh Trophy 2) Davis Cup 3) FIFA Cup
4) Subrato Cup 5) Copa America
32. Coin of which of the following denominations is called small coin?
- 1) Rs.5/- 2) Rs.2/- 3) 50 paisa 4) Rs.1/- 5) None of these
33. Who among the following is not a Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India at present?
- 1) K.C.Chakraborty 2) Anand Sinha 3) Subir Gokarn
4) H.R.Khan 5) Usha Thorat
34. What does the letter F denote in NBFC, a banking term?
- 1) Fiscal 2) Financial 3) Functional 4) Formal 5) None of these
35. Who is the author of the book "Unleashing India"?
- 1) Kamal Nath 2) S.Jaipal Reddy 3) Veerappa Moily
4) P.Chidambaram 5) Pranab Mukherjee
36. Which programme was launched in 2009 to create a slum free India?
- 1) Indira Awas Yojana 2) Rajiv Awas Yojana 3) Bharat Nirman
4) PURA 5) None of these

37. Which of the following is a credit rating agency of Indian origin?

- 1) FMC 2) SEBI 3) CRISIL 4) IBA 5) None of these

38. Sensex is a term associated with which of the following stock exchanges?

- 1) BSE 2) NSE 3) USE 4) OTCEI 5) None of these

39. Who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2011?

- 1) Ralph Steinman 2) Bruce Beutler 3) Jules Hoffman
4) Tomas Transtromer 5) None of these

40. Who is the present Solicitor-General of India?

- 1) Rohinton Nariman 2) Vinod Rai 3) Ashok Chawla
4) Soli Sorabjee 5) None of these

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| 9) 3 | 10) 1 | 11) 4 | 12) 5 | 13) 2 | 14) 3 | 15) 2 | 16) 5 |
| 17) 3 | 18) 4 | 19) 3 | 20) 2 | 21) 1 | 22) 4 | 23) 2 | 24) 3 |
| 25) 1 | 26) 5 | 27) 3 | 28) 4 | 29) 2 | 30) 3 | 31) 2 | 32) 3 |
| 33) 5 | 34) 2 | 35) 3 | 36) 2 | 37) 3 | 38) 1 | 39) 4 | 40) 1 |