

GENERAL AWARENESS

1. Abel Prize is named after Norwegian mathematician Niels Henrik Abel (1802-1829). It is given annually to outstanding mathematicians by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters. Who won this prize in 2012?
1) Mikhail Gromov 2) John Tate 3) John Thompson
4) Jacques Tits 5) Endre Szemerédi
2. The Inter State Council was set up in 1990 following the recommendation of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations. Who is its present Chairman?
1) Hamid Ansari 2) Manmohan Singh 3) Pranab Mukherjee
4) C.Rangarajan 5) None of these
3. Which state has recently started a programme called 'Anandadhara' for Self Help Groups?
1) Andhra Pradesh 2) Odisha 3) West Bengal
4) Madhya Pradesh 5) Himachal Pradesh
4. Which country's lower house of the Parliament is called State Duma?
1) Japan 2) Italy 3) Russia 4) Maldives 5) Philippines
5. Who was appointed as the Prime Minister of France on May 15, 2012?
1) Jean-Marc Ayrault 2) Francois Hollande 3) Laurent Fabius
4) Nicolas Sarkozy 5) None of these
6. Golden Globe Awards are given for excellence in which of the following fields?
1) Literature 2) Journalism 3) Sports 4) Science 5) Film & Television
7. Who won her first world cup individual recurve gold medal in archery at Antalya, Turkey in May 2012?
1) Dola Banerjee 2) Deepika Kumari 3) Bombayala Devi
4) Purnima Mahato 5) None of these

8. Who was presented Ashok Chakra posthumously on January 26, 2012?
- 1) Lt.Sushil Khajuria 2) Lt.Navdeep Singh 3) Lt.Col.Kamaldeep Singh
4) Captain Ashutosh Kumar 5) None of these
9. According to the Prime Minister, the research and development spending would be doubled by which of the following years?
- 1) 2015 2) 2016 3) 2017 4) 2020 5) 2018
10. What is the bilateral trade target between India and Thailand for 2014?
- 1) 7 billion dollars 2) 14 billion dollars 3) 10 billion dollars
4) 20 billion dollars 5) 12 billion dollars
11. Which of the following is a pilot less target aircraft?
- 1) Prithvi 2) Akash 3) Pinakini 4) Lakshya 5) None of these
12. Amjad Ali Khan has been presented the Mallikarjun Mansur award, which is named after the legendary Hindustani singer. He is an expert in playing which of the following instruments?
- 1) Santoor 2) Sitar 3) Sarod 4) Bansuri 5) Mohan Veena
13. What does 'I' denote in the abbreviation FIPB?
- 1) Innovation 2) Investment 3) India 4) Industrial 5) None of these
14. With regard to the 57th Filmfare Awards for 2011 which of the following pairs is not matched correctly?
- 1) Best Film - Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara 2) Best Actress - Priyanka Chopra
3) Best Music - A.R. Rahman 4) Lifetime Achievement - Aruna Iran
5) Best Director - Zoya Akhtar
15. Who was recently honoured with a Knighthood by the British royal establishment?
- 1) Amartya Sen 2) Lakshmi Nivas Mittal 3) Anil Agarwal
4) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan 5) None of these

16. The DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2012 was given to Shehan Karunatilaka for his book 'Chinaman'. To which country does this author belong?
- 1) Nepal 2) Bhutan 3) Thailand 4) India 5) Sri Lanka
17. Who among the following was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2012?
- 1) Ronen Sen 2) N.Vittal 3) T.V.Rajeshwar 4) Shabana Azmi 5) Dharmendra
18. Where was the largest literary festival in Asia-Pacific held in January 2012?
- 1) Hyderabad 2) Jaipur 3) Mumbai 4) Kolkata 5) Chandigarh
19. Laurent Lamothe became the Prime Minister of which of the following countries on May 16, 2012?
- 1) Cuba 2) Jamaica 3) Barbados 4) Haiti 5) Dominican Republic
20. Goolam Vahanavati was reappoi-nted to which of the following posts for two more years with effect from June 8, 2012?
- 1) Chief Election Commissioner 2) Attorney General 3) Solicitor General
4) Central Vigilance Commissioner 5) None of these
21. Who was given the Phalke Ratna Award in May 2012?
- 1) Manoj Kumar 2) Shashi Kapoor 3) Rishi Kapoor
4) Amitabh Bachchan 5) None of these
22. Identify the mismatched pair
- | STATE | GOVERNOR |
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| 1) Goa | B.V.Wanchoo |
| 2) Uttarakhand | Aziz Qureshi |
| 3) Maharashtra | K.Sankaranarayanan |
| 4) Rajasthan | Margaret Alva |
| 5) Gujarat | H.R.Bharadwaj |
23. Hillary Clinton visited India in May 2012. She is the United States?
- 1) Secretary of State 2) Defense Secretary 3) Commerce Secretary
4) Treasury Secretary 5) None of these

24. Edvard Munch's painting 'The Scream' was sold for a record \$ 120 million at an auction in May 2012. Munch belonged to which of the following countries?
- 1) Sweden 2) Denmark 3) Poland 4) Ukraine 5) Norway
25. Who was awarded the Ernst & Young Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to the emergence of financial Services in India?
- 1) Deep Kalra 2) Deepak Parekh 3) Anand Burman
4) Analjit Singh 5) N.Chandrasekaran
26. Jana Gana Mana, India's National Anthem, completed 100 years recently. It was sung for the first time at the Calcutta session of the Indian National Congress on which of the following dates?
- 1) January 24, 1912 2) January 26, 1912 3) December 27, 1911
4) December 25, 1911 5) None of these
27. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was sworn in the President of which of the following African countries for the second time on January 16, 2012?
- 1) Malawi 2) Liberia 3) Uganda 4) Rwanda 5) Sudan
28. Viswanathan Anand won the world chess championship for the fifth time in Moscow in May 2012 by defeating which of the following players?
- 1) Magnus Carlsen 2) Vladimir Kramnik 3) Boris Gelfand
4) Vassily Ivanchuk 5) None of these
29. Which is the largest bank in the private sector in India in terms of number of branches?
- 1) HDFC Bank 2) ICICI Bank 3) Axis Bank
4) IndusInd Bank 5) Kotak Mahindra Bank
30. Which organization was set up to boost overall rural development in India?
- 1) RBI 2) SEBI 3) SIDBI 4) NABARD 5) PFRDA
31. Indian Overseas Bank celebrated Platinum Jubilee (75 years) in 2012. Where is its headquarters located?
- 1) Bangalore 2) Mumbai 3) Chennai 4) New Delhi 5) Hyderabad

32. Which of the following is a private bank in India?
 1) Corporation Bank 2) Canara Bank 3) Syndicate Bank
 4) Vijaya Bank 5) South Indian Bank
33. The Head Office of which of the following banks is in Kolkata?
 1) Indian Bank 2) Syndicate Bank 3) Bank of India
 4) UCO Bank 5) None of these
34. Amar Kant is an eminent author in which of the following languages?
 1) Odiya 2) Hindi 3) Kannada 4) Punjabi 5) None of these
35. Which of the following organizations work for the welfare of women?
 1) CRY 2) CII 3) SEWA 4) WIPO 5) CCI
36. Who is the author of the book 'A Bend in the River'?
 1) Mark Tully 2) Amrita Preetam 3) Mulk Raj Anand
 4) V.S.Naipaul 5) None of these
37. Which of the following countries is not a member of SAARC?
 1) Nepal 2) Myanmar 3) Bhutan 4) Bangladesh 5) Sri Lanka
38. The Kyoto Protocol is aimed at fighting?
 1) Terrorism 2) Global warming 3) Maritime piracy
 4) Economic recession 5) None of these
39. David Ferrer is a Lawn Tennis player of which of the following countries?
 1) Spain 2) Australia 3) Switzerland 4) Argentina 5) None of these
40. Which agency was set up to boost foreign investments in India?
 1) FCCB 2) FEMA 3) FIPB 4) FRBM 5) None of these

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