

GENERAL AWARENESS

1. Who was appointed as the Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) in the Finance Ministry in August 2012? (He was former chief economist at the IMF)
 - 1) Kaushik Basu
 - 2) C. Rangarajan
 - 3) Y.V.Reddy
 - 4) Raghuram Rajan
 - 5) Ajay Chhibber
2. Which city hosted the 20th ASEAN Summit on April 3, 2012?
 - 1) Jakarta (Indonesia)
 - 2) Phnom Penh (Cambodia)
 - 3) Manila (Philippines)
 - 4) Bangkok (Thailand)
 - 5) Hanoi (Vietnam)
3. India launched its third research station in Antarctica recently. What is its name?
 - 1) Dakshin Gangotri
 - 2) Maitri
 - 3) Bharti
 - 4) Bhuvan
 - 5) Akash
4. Ahmed Ben Bella passed away on April 11, 2012. He was the first President of which of the following African countries from 1963 to 1965?
 - 1) Morocco
 - 2) Tunisia
 - 3) Mauritania
 - 4) Algeria
 - 5) Egypt
5. Which of the following statements about the Nuclear Security Summit is not true?
 - 1) The second Nuclear Security Summit was held in Seoul, South Korea on March 26-27, 2012.
 - 2) The leaders from 53 nations called for strong steps to combat nuclear terrorism.
 - 3) The leaders also called for safeguarding world stockpiles of Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) and Plutonium.
 - 4) The next Summit will be held in Washington in 2014.
 - 5) The Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh announced that India would contribute 1 million US dollars to the IAEA's Nuclear Security Fund for 2012-13.
6. Who became the President of Germany on March 18, 2012?
 - 1) Angela Merkel
 - 2) Joachim Gauck
 - 3) Christian Wulff
 - 4) Horst Kohler
 - 5) Sigmar Gabriel
7. Who has been appointed as the Pakistan's High Commissioner to India?
 - 1) Sherry Rehman
 - 2) Hina Rabbani Khar
 - 3) Salman Bashir
 - 4) Riaz Mohammad Khan
 - 5) None of these

8. N.K.P.Salve passed away recently. He was the former president of which of the following sports governing bodies?
- 1) AIFF 2) IOA 3) BCCI 4) ICC 5) IPL
9. Who was re-elected the General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) in April 2012?
- 1) V.S.Achuthanandan 2) Prakash Karat 3) A.K.Padmanabhan
4) Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee 5) Sitaram Yechury
10. The Swavalamban pension scheme is targeted to benefit which of the following workers?
- 1) Anganwadi workers 2) Construction workers
3) Fishermen 4) Dairy workers 5) All the above
11. The Union Cabinet has approved introduction of the Anand Marriage Act, 1909 to provide for registration of marriages of which of the following communities?
- 1) Sikhs 2) Hindus 3) Buddhists 4) Jains 5) Parsis
12. Which state has launched 'Udaan', a website to provide skills and enhance employability for the youth?
- 1) Haryana 2) Punjab 3) Uttarakhand
4) Himachal Pradesh 5) Jammu and Kashmir
13. A consortium led by Japanese firm Hitachi has signed an agreement with which of the following states to set up Asia's biggest desalination plant in Dahej Special Economic Zone (DSEZ)?
- 1) Maharashtra 2) Gujarat 3) Odisha 4) Karnataka 5) West Bengal
14. With effect from which of the following dates the validity of cheques and drafts has been reduced to three months?
- 1) March 1, 2012 2) January 1, 2012 3) August 1, 2012
4) April 1, 2012 5) June 1, 2012
15. To boost credit flows to the farm sector, the government has proposed to provide how many crores of rupees to NABARD during 2012-13?
- 1) 500 2) 750 3) 1000 4) 2000 5) None of these

16. Which of the following programmes aims at developing the rural electricity infrastructure and household electrification?
- 1) RAY 2) RGGVY 3) IAY 4) RGSEAG 5) MGNREGS
17. Which of the following days is observed as the World House Sparrow Day? (The theme for this year is 'Chirp for the Sparrow; Tweet for the Sparrow')
- 1) March 20 2) March 21 3) March 22 4) March 23 5) March 24
18. 'Malabar' naval exercise was organized in the Bay of Bengal from April 7 to 16, 2012 by India and which of the following countries?
- 1) Russia 2) USA 3) China 4) Indonesia 5) Malaysia
19. The Supreme Court has upheld the constitutional validity of the Right to Education (RTE) Act that mandates unaided private schools to keep what percent of seats for students from economically and socially weaker sections of society?
- 1) 20 2) 15 3) 25 4) 50 5) 33
20. Which country has recently said that it is threatened by the Kudankulam nuclear plant, in case of a nuclear accident?
- 1) Pakistan 2) Myanmar 3) China 4) Sri Lanka 5) Russia
21. The trilateral meeting of the foreign ministers of Russia, India and China (RIC) was held on April 13, 2012 in which of the following cities?
- 1) Moscow 2) Sanya 3) Beijing 4) Shanghai 5) New Delhi
22. Which state won the best state award for strengthening the Panchayat Raj Institutions on April 24, 2012?
- 1) Haryana 2) Sikkim 3) Gujarat 4) Rajasthan 5) Andhra Pradesh
23. Who replaced Robert Zoellick as the President of World Bank on July 1, 2012?
- 1) Yukiya Amano 2) Yoshihiko Noda 3) Jim Yong Kim
4) Irina Bokova 5) Haruhiko Kuroda
24. Who is the United States Ambassador to India?
- 1) Michele Sison 2) Nancy Powell 3) Hillary Clinton
4) Robert Gates 5) Timothy Geithner

25. Who was named 'Wisden's Leading Cricketer in the World' for the year 2011?

- 1) Virender Sehwag
- 2) Hashim Amla
- 3) Jacques Kallis
- 4) Kumar Sangakkara
- 5) Sachin Tendulkar

26. Who has been chosen for the first International Bhagwan Mahavir World Peace Award?

- 1) Dalai Lama
- 2) Nelson Mandela
- 3) Aung San Suu Kyi
- 4) Ela Bhatt
- 5) Julian Assange

27. Which of the following terms is used in Badminton?

- 1) Tee
- 2) Trump
- 3) Hoops
- 4) Grand slam
- 5) Drop Shot

28. Which of the following is not a famous brand of cement sold in India?

- 1) ACC
- 2) Ambuja
- 3) Ultra Tech
- 4) Religare
- 5) J.K.Lakshmi

29. Ranthambore National Park is situated in which of the following states?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

30. In which year was the Planning Commission established?

- 1) 1951
- 2) 1950
- 3) 1952
- 4) 1956
- 5) 1947

31. What is money laundering?

- 1) Conversion of cash into gold
- 2) Conversion of gold into cash
- 3) Conversion of assets into cash
- 4) Conversion of illegally obtained money into accountable money
- 5) None

32. Which of the following terms is not used in the field of Economics?

- 1) Balance of Trade
- 2) Debt Instrument
- 3) Surface Tension
- 4) Fiscal Deficit
- 5) Capital Account Convertibility

33. What is the full form of ASBA?

- 1) Application Supported by Bank Amount
- 2) Application Supported by Blocked Amount
- 3) Allotment Supported by Blocked Amount
- 4) Allotment Supported by Bank Account
- 5) None of these

34. Speed of a ship is measured in?

- 1) Ohm 2) Horse power 3) Kilometer 4) Knot 5) Candela

35. Who is the author of the book 'Dr.Zhivago'?

- 1) H.G.Wells 2) Pearl S. Buck 3) Emile Zola
4) Boris Pasternak 5) Charles Dickens

36. Whose autobiography is titled 'Nirbasan'?

- 1) Taslima Nasrin 2) Salman Rushdie 3) Shobha De
4) Arundhati Roy 5) None

37. Who among the following has been named by TIME magazine as one of the 100 most influential people of the world?

- 1) J.Jayalalitha 2) Mayawati 3) Sheila Dixit
4) Mamata Banerjee 5) Sushma Swaraj

38. Who was adjudged the Women's Professional Golf Player of the Year for 2011-12 season?

- 1) Smriti Mehra 2) Pallavi Jain 3) Aditi Ashok
4) Vani Kapoor 5) Ankita Tiwana

39. Pankaj Advani clinched the 11th ONGC Asian Billiards Championship in April 2012. Where was this tournament held?

- 1) Chennai 2) Panaji 3) Mohali 4) Hyderabad 5) Lucknow

40. Non Resident Indian Day (NRI Day) is celebrated on?

- 1) January 15 2) January 9 3) January 24 4) January 12 5) January 8

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